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Tories to boycott town council election

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"Unlike many parish councils, Crewkerne Town Council is politicised and the council has for too long made decisions on party lines that have not always been in the best interests of the town.

"The Liberal Democrats have been the dominant party for over 20 years and during that time councillors have taken on responsibility for amenities that they are not legally obliged to provide and have doubled the number of staff employed to administer these assets.

"The county and district councils have made economies which have enabled them to freeze their portion of the council tax whilst these additional liabilities have resulted in the town council asking for more and more money each year and during the past five years the town council portion of the rates has increased by 29.8 per cent and this year a further 4.9 per cent.

"Crewkerne Conservatives believe that town and parish councils should be non-political and that councillors should be free to vote on issues not on party political lines but as their conscience guides them.

"This is why you will not see Conservative candidates on the ballot form.

"However, we will be fielding a full team of Conservative candidates for the district council election."

stood down during the course of the term.

The candidates are: Sylvia Mary Allman (Lib Dem), Martin John Bailey (Lab), Rhiannon Francine Bambury (Green Party), Mike Best (Lib Dem), Louise Marian Brazer (Green Party), Jo Dawson (Lib Dem), Michael Bernard Fox (Green Party), Nathan Harmer-Taylor (Green Party), Ben Hartshorn (Green Party), Kathy Head (Lib Dem), Benjamin Thomas Hodgson (Lib Dem), Rusty

Jackson (Lib Dem), Deborah Jane Latham (Green Party), Katy Limmer (Green Party), David Bryan Longly (Green Party), Robin Pailthorpe (Lib Dem), Katy Pritchard (Independent), Megan Jane Rose (Green Party), Daniel James Shearing (Green Party), Angie Singleton (Lib Dem), Andrea Jean Stuart (Lib Dem), Paul Kieron Stuifins (Green Party), Neil Sturtivant (Lib Dem), Daniel John Wakeman (Lib Dem), Nick Hope Wilson (Green Party).

by Anders Larsson

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Mr Chard wouldn't comment further when asked why the party wouldn't try to win enough seats to change the town council.

He did say, however, that the party had two candidates elected at the previous election, but they



**New Job Club
opens in
Crewkerne**

A NEW Job Club has opened its doors in Crewkerne, providing an alternative to out of town Job Centres. The club was set up by Ros Badger, who has a long career in human resources with central government, and will operate from The Octopus Community Hub, off West Street, on Wednesday and Friday mornings

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CREWKERNE: Joyce King is retiring as treasurer after 25 years' fundraising with Cancer Research UK



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SPORT Football



◆ Callum Garrett wins the ball for Axminster

A PAIR of second-half goals secured Axminster a 2-0 victory over Crediton United at Ottery St Mary.

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Golf



FOUNDERS Day at Honiton Golf Club saw sixteen teams, each of three men and a lady, compete for the trophy.

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Quotes of the week...

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Local Tory party chairman Peter Chard, on their boycott of the town council elections

“ ... we want to bust some myths that we are all fuddy-duddy men in white coats.”

Professor Lorna Harries of the University of Exeter, which enlisted Honiton school pupils in an experimental workshop as part of British Science Week

“ ... they are terrible as art, as street furniture and as decoration.”

Locally-based artist Rich Webster, on the steel sculptures approved for installation on Seaton seafront

“ I managed to stay in the boat all the time, which is an improvement.”

Axminster GP Barry McKenna, marking a personal best in his seventh Westminster Canoe Marathon



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SEATON

Artist hits out at wave sculptures

A LOCAL artist has blasted the decision to go ahead with plans for controversial sculptured waves and pillars at Fisherman's Gap in Seaton.

The final hurdle was climbed when the matter returned to East Devon District Council's (EDDC) Development Management Committee last month, having been deferred for further consultation earlier in the year.

But Seaton-based artist Rich Webster said: "In short, they are terrible as art, as street furniture and as decoration."

I have always made a positive objection to the plans, offering alternative possibilities rather than just objection.

"I put these on to paper and offered them at the apparent consultation, where I was told no other plans could be considered at this late stage."

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THIS week we welcome three new titles to the *Pulman's View* stable - Crewkerne, Chard and Ilminster through our series of popular *Weekender* titles.

This sees a return to our South Somerset roots. Although born in Axminster, this newspaper's founder - George Pulman - set up the *Pulman's Weekly News and Advertiser* in Crewkerne in 1857.

Before that, Mr Pulman was editor of the now defunct *Yeovil Times* - so it really does feel as if Pulman's is "coming home".

Until this week, we have

been covering the news and views of Crewkerne, Chard and Ilminster through our series of popular *Weekender* titles.

But we felt now was the time to bring South Somerset back into the *Pulman's* fold, where we can offer a bigger and better newspaper every week.

Regular *Weekender* readers can rest assured all of their favourites parts of the paper can be found in *Pulman's View*, along with new features and expanded property, local services and

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ing sec-
tions.

Everything you'd expect to find in our arts and entertainment section *Weekender Life* - and a whole lot more - is in our *View 2* leisure guide.

And, of course, Howard Larcombe's comprehensive coverage of the local sport scene remains in place.

So make sure you look out for your *Pulman's View* every Tuesday, across East Devon AND South Somerset.

JAMES COLES



HONITON EDDC: Cardboard recycling a 'priority'

COUNCIL bosses have reassured frustrated Honiton residents that a regular pick-up service for cardboard and mixed plastics will form part of its new recycling contract.

Steps are now being taken to resolve Honiton's recycling crisis, but it's likely to be a year before a long-term solution can be reached.

East Devon District Council currently provides no kerbside pick-up service for cardboard and mixed plastics - and the lack of commercial facilities in Honiton means residents are being forced out of the town to do their recycling.

But EDDC says a permanent solution to the problem will form part of its new recycling and waste services contract.

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OTTERY ST MARY Councillor labels colleagues 'reckless'

AN OTTERY councillor has accused his district colleagues of "recklessness" over the authority's controversial relocation project.

Councillor Roger Giles, a representative for Ottery, blasted fellow members of East Devon District Council for backing plans to move their offices away from Knowle, in Sidmouth.

A deal has now been done to relocate the council's headquarters to Honiton, with a secondary office at Exmouth Town Hall.

But Councillor Giles, a determined critic of the entire process, refused to let the issue lie during a town council meeting last week.

He said members had made a "shocking" decision to press ahead with the project, despite a number of "unresolved" issues.

COLYTON & COLYFORD Car hits tram on A3052 level crossing

SEATON Tramway has warned drivers about the importance of level crossing safety after a car crashed into a tram in Colyford last Tuesday having failed to stop at a red light.

The tramway's chief executive, Jenny Nunn, has put the A3052 level crossing crash down to the actions of the motorist, driving a Vauxhall Corsa, which she said had "serious consequences".

The driver has since been reported for driving without due care and attention.

The incident occurred at about 3:40pm last Tuesday, causing long tail-backs during heavy Easter holiday traffic and significant damage to one of the popular tourist attraction's double-decker trams. Police closed the road at the Harepath Road junction in Colyford and Boshill Cross.

The driver of the Corsa and one passenger of the tram sustained minor injuries.

Mrs Nunn said: "Although the incident caused a long delay to both passengers and motorists that afternoon, I am thankful that no one was seriously injured."

"The actions of the motorist failing to stop at the crossing lights had serious consequences and resulted in disruption for many travelling on the tramway on what should have been a pleasant afternoon's trip, as well as to motorists using the A3052 at Colyford."

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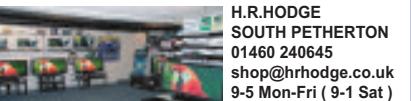
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Family pay tribute to Chard man killed in road accident

A MAN who died following a fatal car accident in Whitelackington, near Ilminster, has been named as 27-year-old Chard resident Gary Powell.

His family have issued the following tribute: "Gary was a loving husband, father, son, brother and friend and recently father to his four week old baby girl. He will be greatly missed by those he has left behind.

"We will never forget you. You will be forever in our hearts."

Witnesses are being sought following the accident at about 9.40pm on Easter Saturday, April 4th, on an unclassified road in Whitelackington, about 200

metres west of Back Lane.

Mr Powell was driving a Ford Focus which was in collision with a Ford Mondeo, travelling in the opposite direction.

Despite receiving treatment, Mr Powell died at the scene. The driver of the other vehicle suffered a fractured pelvis and a broken leg.

Collision investigators are keen to hear from anyone who was in the area at the time of the incident who may have information to help their enquiries. If you are able to help, contact the collision investigation unit on the force number 101.



District council candidates announced for May election

THE battle lines have been drawn for next month's South Somerset District Council elections with nominations having closed.

The council have announced those candidates who will be standing in the election on Thursday, May 7th, which will be held the same day as the General Election.

There will be 60 seats on the council up for grabs in 39 different wards and it looks as if it will be a fascinating struggle for power.

The Liberal Democrats currently hold a slender two-seat majority on the council and will come under fierce pressure to retain that stranglehold.

The ruling Lib Dems hold 31 seats at present with the Conservatives on 25 and four independents.

There are ten seats up for grabs in Chard, Crewkerne and Ilminster and the outcomes of these could go a long way to determining the overall picture of the council make-up.

There are five seats available in Chard and there will be a couple of new names representing the town at the district council following the election.

The **Avishayes** ward is being contested by the Conservatives' Peter Amey, Labour's Graham Forsyth, independent candidate Cath Morrison and the Lib Dems' Garry Shortland.

The **Combe** ward is a three-way contest between Amanda Broom of the Conservatives, Green Party candidate Jon Lewes and the Lib Dems' Steve Warwick.

Avishayes is currently represented by the Lib Dems' Nigel Mermagen, while the Combe ward has been held by the Conservatives' Martin Wale.

These two will be going head-to-head in the Blackdown ward where Ros Roderigo is standing down as the Conservative member. The other candidate in Blackdown ward is Neil Arnold of the UK Independence Party.

Jenny Kenton will be hoping to see off the challenge of the Conservatives' Paul Bradly to retain the **Chard Crimchard** ward for the Lib Dems.

Brennie Halse is looking to maintain Chard **Holyrood** ward for the Conservatives, although she will have to beat the Lib Dem candidate Jason Baker at the election.

The fifth Chard seat - **Jocelyn** - will be a three-way battle between the current independent member Dave Bulmer, Conservative candidate Irene Glynn, and the Lib Dems' Melanie Hudson.

The three seats available in **Crewkerne** will be keenly contested with ten candidates having been put forward.

Mike Best and Angie Singleton will be looking to retain their seats for the Lib Dems, while their third member, John Dyke, is now standing in the Windwhistle ward against UKIP's George Elliott and the sitting Conservative member Sue Osborne.

The Lib Dems' third candidate for Crewkerne is Robin Pailthorpe.

Looking to break the Lib Dem stranglehold in Crewkerne will be the Conservative trio of Marcus Barrett, Adam Keen and Andrew Simkins.

The Green Party has three candidates standing in Crewkerne as well with Nathan Harmer-Taylor, Ben Hartshorn and Katy Limmer.

The other candidate standing in Crewkerne will be Labour's Martin Bailey.

The two seats up for grabs in **Ilminster** will also be an interesting contest. Carol Goodall will be looking to retain her seat for the Lib Dems, while Val Keitch will be hoping to win the second seat for the party to replace Kim Turner who is standing down.

Stuart Shepherd and Sean Clarke are standing for the Conservatives in Ilminster, while voters are also being given the opportunity to vote for UKIP candidate Don Kinder, Peter Lansdown for the Green Party and Paul Sellers of Labour.

■ THE full list of candidates standing in the election for South Somerset District Council in our area is:

Blackdown Ward (1 seat): Neil Arnold (UKIP); Nigel John Petrie Mermagen (LibDems); Martin Wale (Con).

Chard Avishayes Ward (1 seat): Peter Amey (Con); Graham Forsyth (Lab); Cath Morrison (Ind); Garry Frederick Shortland (LibDems).

Chard Combe Ward (1 seat): Amanda Jane Broom (Con); Jon Lewes (Green); Steve Warwick (Lib-Dems).

Chard Crimchard Ward (1 seat): Paul Bradly (Con); Jenny Kenton (LibDems).

Chard Holyrood Ward (1 seat): Jason Paul Baker (LibDems); Brennie Halse (Con).

Chard Jocelyn Ward (1 seat): Dave Bulmer (Ind); Irene Glynn (Con); Melanie Ann Cherry Hudson (LibDems).

Crewkerne Ward (3 seats): Martin John Bailey (Lab); Marcus Morton Barrett (Con); Mike Best (Lib-Dems); Nathan Harmer-Taylor (Green); Ben Keiron Hartshorn (Green); Adam Keen (Con); Katy Limmer (Green); Robin Christopher Pailthorpe (LibDems); Andrew John Newman Simkins (Con); Angie Singleton (LibDems).

Eggwood Ward (1 seat): Jonathan Edward Edgington (Con); Paul Michael Maxwell (LibDems).

Hamdon Ward (1 seat): Christopher Edward Price (Con); Sylvia Seal (LibDems).

Ilminster Ward (2 seats): Sean Clarke (Con); Carol Ann Goodall (LibDems); Val Keitch (LibDems); Don Kinder (UKIP); Henry Peter Lansdown (Green); Paul John Sellers (Lab); Stuart Richard Shepherd (Con).

Neroche Ward (1 seat): Jo Dawson (LibDems); Clive Mark Rust (UKIP); Linda Patricia Vijeh (Con).

South Petherton Ward (2 seats): Adam James Dance (LibDems); Crispin Kenneth Raikes (LibDems); Barry Walker (Con).

Tatworth and Forton Ward (1 seat): Robin Munday (LibDems); Andrew Turpin (Independent); Russ Wardell (Con).

Windwhistle Ward (1 seat): John Dyke (LibDems); George Bernard Munro Elliott (UKIP); Sue Osborne (Con).

Key: Con - Conservative; Green - Green; Ind - Independent; Lab - Labour; LibDems - Liberal Democrats; UKIP - UK Independence Party.

Parliamentary candidates for Pulman's Country revealed

EAST DEVON (including Sidmouth & Ottery St Mary)

IN EAST Devon, there are candidates from four of the main political parties as well as an independent vying for the seat.

Incumbent Conservative MP Hugo Swire remains the favourite to hold on to the constituency, despite a strong challenge from the other hopefuls.



■ Andrew Chapman (UKIP)



■ Stuart Mole (Liberal Democrats)



■ Hugo Swire (Conservative)



■ Stephen Race (Labour)



■ Claire Wright (Independent)

Voters will have a choice of five candidates when they go to the polls on May 7th, following three weeks of campaigning.

Ottery St Mary resident Andrew Chapman is standing as the UKIP candidate, while Exmouth's Stuart Mole is representing the Liberal Democrats.

Mr Swire, MP for East Devon since 2001, will also defend his 9,000 majority against Labour's Stephen Race and independent candidate Claire Wright.

A number of hustings events are planned in the final few weeks of the campaign, as months of preparation finally come to a head.



■ UP FOR THE FIGHT: Caroline Kolek (Labour), Stephen Kearney (Liberal Democrats), Paul Edwards (Green), Neil Parish (Conservative), Graham Smith (UKIP) and moderator Carol Manley at the hustings in Seaton

YEOVIL (including Crewkerne, Chard & Ilminster)

THE five candidates hoping to win the Yeovil constituency seat will be pitted against each other at at least two hustings events.

At the time of going to press, hustings in Yeovil and Crewkerne had been announced.

David Laws (Lib Dem) hopes to retain his seat by defeating Marcus Fysh (Con), Sheena King (Lab), Simon Smedley (UKIP) and Emily McIvor (Green Party).

The Crewkerne hustings will take place at Wadham School on Thursday, April 30th, starting at 7pm.

One of the organisers, Pippa Smith, said: "This is an any ques-

tions-style meeting where you can question candidates about a wide range of issues, local and national, and hear them talk about their values, why they want to be a Member of Parliament and what they would seek to do if elected."

The churches in Yeovil have organised

a hustings involving all five candidates on Tuesday, May 5th at Yeovil Community Church at The Gateway in Addlewell Lane, Yeovil.

The debate will start at 7:30pm, but anyone wanting to put a question forward must arrive by 7pm.

A spokesman for the

organisers said: "The hustings is a chance for the candidates to put forward their vision, and to hear them answer and debate questions posed by members of the audience. "All are welcome at this unique opportunity to engage with our election candidates."

■ POLLING stations across Pulman's Country will be open from 7am to 10pm on May 7th, with thousands expected to turn out and cast their votes.



■ Marcus Fysh (Conservatives)



■ Sheena King (Labour)

CAMPAIGNING for the Tiverton and Honiton parliamentary seat is in full swing.

The final list of candidates was published last Friday, and the five candidates had an extremely busy day as they attended hustings

in both Honiton and Seaton.

Caroline Kolek (Lab), Stephen Kearney (Lib Dem), Paul Edwards (Green Party), Neil Parish (Con) and Graham Smith (UKIP) all hope to win the seat.

The political make-up

of the candidates is exactly the same as in the 2010 General Election, although four of the candidates are new.

The remaining one, Neil Parish, hopes to retain the seat he won in 2010, when he gained 27,614 votes,

followed by then Lib Dem candidate Jon Underwood on 18,294.

In 2010, Labour (Veron Whitlock) was third on 4,907, followed by UKIP (Daryl Stanbury) on 3,277 and Green Party (Cathy Connor) on 802.



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■ Simon Smedley (UK Independence Party)

Local charity stalwart retires after 25 years go fundraising

CREWKERNE resident Joyce King recently celebrated her retirement as treasurer of the local fundraising group after 25 years of outstanding service to Cancer Research UK.

Joyce, of Sycamore Drive, began volunteering for the charity in 1990 and has helped to raise £491,144.35, described as a "truly staggering landmark during 25 years supporting the charities life-saving work".

Joyce's first role was selling raffle tickets, of which she sold out and had to be given more. Because of this initial success, the chairman of the local branch of Cancer Research UK asked Joyce to join the committee as treasurer, a job she had never done before but relished the challenge.

During her 25 years Joyce has been a great mentor to all the committee, keeping everyone inspired and enthused, always looking for that extra opportunity to raise even more funds.

She has supported the committee at all their events, which included Big Breakfasts, Yeovil Festival of Transport, coffee mornings and collections, counting mountains of pennies over these many years.

Dawn Harrison, Cancer Research UK's local fundraising manager for Somerset, said: "Joyce has been an inspiration to all who meet her, working tirelessly within the local community, championing the importance of the charities work, raising awareness and funds where ever possible in her local community. Her commitment and passion is truly evident to everyone she meets, and the contribution she has shown over 25 years has been truly invaluable."

"Joyce's unprecedented loyalty to the charity during these years has been an integral part of building the Crewkerne Friends group into the committee it is now, championing and encouraging many new members to commit to long term support to the charity."

"I would like to thank Joyce for the incredible contribution she has made to our vital work over the past 25 years. Cancer Research UK has made enormous progress in the fight against cancer. However, we have only been able to do this thanks to the dedication and commitment of volunteers and supporters like Joyce without whom we would not be able to fund our vital research."



Survival rates in the UK have doubled in the last 40 years. Today, half those diagnosed with cancer survive the disease for at least 10 years. Cancer Research UK's ambition is to accelerate progress so that three quarters will survive cancer within the next 20 years.

Dawn added: "Joyce has shown unflinching loyalty and dedication to helping Cancer Research UK beat cancer sooner. The charity receives no Government funding for its research so every step we take towards beating this devastating disease relies on every pound donated."

For further information about Cancer Research UK's work or to find out how to support the charity, call 0300 123 1022 or visit cruk.org



New Job Club opens in Crewkerne

■ HELPING JOB SEEKERS: Ros Badger opens the job club by cutting a cake with Linda Nash-Hamblin (Octopus Community Hub), Jonathan Edgington (Chamber of Commerce) and Mandy Dykes (Crewkerne Job Club)

A NEW Job Club has been set up in Crewkerne, offering locals an alternative to trips to out of town Job Centres.

Crewkerne Job Club is the brainchild of Ros Badger, who has had a long human resources career with central government and further education. She is also a fellow of The Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development.

The Job Club will operate on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.30am to 12.30pm in The Octopus Community Hub, off West Street.

Ros has a small team of volunteers with more than 100 years of work experience to assist her and the job club clients.

She said: "I will be running it and hope to take it to villages later this year. Currently job seekers have to travel to the Job Centre in Yeovil.

"The club provides a place to meet, exchange and share skills and experience in a friendly, confidential environment - and to build confidence and increase the chances of returning to work and financial independence."

When attending for the first time, job seekers will be asked to complete a questionnaire to identify particular needs.

The Job Club is supported by Crewkerne's Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber chairman Jonathan Edgington said: "It gives a central hub where people can get help and support with CVs and applications without having to travel to Yeovil or Taunton."

Those interested can just show up or e-mail rosbadger@gmail.com for more information.

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Garden centre gives away trees to local good causes

CHARD Cricket Club and a local meadow will be spruced up thanks to the gift of young trees.

Monkton Elm Garden & Pet Centre held a sapling give-away for worthy causes on a first come, first served basis and two organisations benefiting were Chard Cricket Club and Combe St Nicholas Parochial Trust.

At the cricket club, the trees will go towards its pitch regeneration.

Club committee member Peter Singleton said: "Our pitch is currently surrounded on three sides with hedging but there are lots of gaps we would like to fill so the kind donation of saplings from the garden centre will come in extremely useful."

Combe St Nicholas Parochial Trust will use the trees in Underway Meade, a three-acre rough meadow and acre woodland which it manages.

Lynn Osborne, acting chairman of the trust, said: "We wanted to plant a native hedgerow to encourage more birds to make use of the area so we're very thankful for the kind donation of saplings."

Monkton Elm Garden & Pet Centre at Monkton Heathfield, near Taunton, runs the sapling give-away scheme annually. Schools, charities and not-for-profit organisations were invited to receive groups of between 50 and 100 small indigenous British varieties.

Store manager Andrew Pitman explained: "Our sapling give-away has once again been hugely successful and we had lots of people come forwards for the free trees."

"It's extremely interesting to read all about the different gardening projects going on. We're delighted to have helped Chard Cricket Club and Combe St Nicholas Parochial Trust."

■ PERFECT GIFT: Pictured top, Kevin Clancy and Peter Singleton of Chard Cricket Club with Fiona Smart of Monkton Elm Garden & Pet Centre and, bottom left, Fiona with Bill Rankin and Lynn Osborne of the Combe St Nicholas Parochial Trust



■ STUDENTS from Buckland St Mary Primary School, near Chard, were crowned champions at the first Willows Trust Spelling Bee Competition. Six teams of Year 3 and 4 children competed for the title, with the standard so high that words from a higher level curriculum had to be used to split the top teams. Buckland St Mary's team were named winners after spelling every word correctly over the whole afternoon. A school spokesperson said: "We are incredibly proud of the girls achievement. They have worked immensely hard and made a real effort to learn some very tricky spellings, a lot of which would fox most adults!" Pictured above are Carly Retter, Emily Retter, Eva Vincent and Hettie Christopher.



■ BEECH class students at Buckland St Mary eagerly awaited a glimpse of the recent partial solar eclipse. Due to the cloud, the children were concerned they would miss the rare event, the last having taken place long before they were born, but the sun broke through just in time allowing the students to use the special viewers they had made from boxes. The class then used the eclipse as inspiration to write newspaper reports.



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Holyrood to promote healthy eating through Food Champion

HOLYROOD Academy in Chard was pleased to announce that it was one of a small number of schools selected to join the School Food Champions programme.

This national programme helps schools to improve the health of pupils by encouraging them to eat better during school lunches.

The programme is funded by the Department for Education, following the findings of the School Food Plan, and is run by a consortium consisting of the D&T Association, The British Nutrition Foundation and Eagle Solutions Services.

A spokesperson for Holyrood said: "At Holyrood we are passionate about teaching excellent cooking and nutrition to our pupils and have elected Eloise Packer to become our School Food Champion.

"Mrs Packer will be working closely with the leadership team and school food service, giving us an opportunity to deliver a programme which will improve the health of pupils and encourage them to eat better school lunches."

Louise Davies, lead food technology consultant of the D&T Association, said: "We welcome uptake of free school meals as it is important that our youngest pupils have the healthiest start to life. The School Food Champions programme continues the valuable healthy eating work going on in our primary schools and supports compulsory food teaching in our secondary schools.

"Pupils design and make new school lunch menus that are healthy and enjoyable. They work with professional chefs, school caterers and food technology teachers developing exciting new ideas, tasting and modifying existing recipes and presenting their designs."

The Department for Education has identified that pupils who eat a good school lunch are healthier, achieve better attainment and enjoy improved behaviour. Through the School Food



Champion programme, teachers at Holyrood will also increase their own knowledge and develop resources to support the new national curriculum in cooking and nutrition, champion pupil voice, and support its reflection in the meal choices and service and in so doing improve the numbers of children eating a healthy school dinner.

Mrs Packer (pictured), Holyrood's elected School Food Champion, said: "I fully appreciate the importance of raising students' awareness and understanding of healthy eating and nutrition. This comes not only through their enjoyment of practical cooking activities but also through their food choices.

"School meals have been much maligned over the years and whilst there is some excellent pro-

vision, I believe there is still a long way to go, hence why I am so thrilled to be part of this programme.

"I'm looking forward to working with like minded colleagues to have a real impact on the

quality of food provision and education, not only in my own school but across the country also."

To learn more about the School Food Champions programme visit the website www.school-foodchampions.org.uk/

Rotary Club donates to After Stroke Group



■ THE Rotary Club of Chard recently presented £200 to the Chard and Crewkerne After Stroke Group. The money was raised at a fun race night held last month. Pictured above, Jenny Fielder and Chris Williams who lead the After Stroke Group, are presented a cheque by Rotary president Eric Beckley, watched by other members of the group.

The exciting news is that we have finally completed the refurbishment of our Crewkerne Surgery!

THE newly modernised surgery now has a much improved and enlarged animal treatment area, with

two separate operating theatres, separate spacious cat and dog kennels, a dedicated recovery area within the main treatment area and an imaging suite with digital radiography and ultrasound. A separate room at the rear of the surgery houses our popular dog grooming service and there are separate kennels for the isolation of high risk cases.

The newly completed reception, waiting and consulting area is now more spacious, with three consulting rooms and an airy and modern waiting room, with a separate retail area. The Crewkerne branch will serve as our main branch for the investigation and treatment of more complex

cases, whilst our other three branches will continue the excellent consulting, operating and hospitalisation services which they already offer.

To celebrate, we would like to invite our clients and members of the general public and their families to our Open Day on Saturday 9th May 2015. The event will take place at the surgery; Tower Hill Road, Crewkerne, TA18 8EQ, from 2pm until 5pm.

As well as an opportunity to see behind the scenes at the surgery and to meet our staff, there will be lots of exciting things such as raffles, face painting, demonstrations, goody bags and refreshments, as well as exciting exhibitors.

For further information, please pop in to the surgery and ask our staff. Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing you on 9th May!



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Camera Club welcomes new president

THE annual general meeting of Chard Camera Club saw the appointment of a new president.

At the conclusion of the meeting, chairman Drew Anderson announced that the yearly post of president had been voted on by the committee and that member Dick Moon had been elected. Outgoing president Gail Purdon did the honours of presenting Mr Moon with the president's ribbon of office, and an offer of thanks was given to Gail and the members present by the new president.

Mr Moon said: "I am honoured to be asked to be president, especially having only been a member of the club since September 2012."

He went on to say that he retired to Chard from the Isle of Wight and,

until joining Chard Camera Club, had never been a member of any other photography club or association and had been made most welcome by like-minded members.

For the last 18 months, Mr Moon has also acted as the club's press officer and has worked hard alongside the committee to try and promote the club and increase its membership.

"It is great to say that we have increased our membership by a further 13 in the last year," he added.

"Hopefully we will be able to maintain these numbers or indeed increase them over the next year."

The camera club also recently held its end of year awards evening in Chard Baptist Church Hall. The

event was well attended by members, who were hoping to pick up one of the many certificates, awards and cups on offer.

Guest judge Peter Fry entertained the members with his varied interpretation of all images and the evening was rounded off with a finger buffet provided by the club's stalwart husband and wife duo, Peter and Joyce Partridge, assisted by member Marion Day.

Members Charlotte Nadin and Peter O'Shea Senior came out on top, each winning an array of trophies.

■ Full results were as follows:

President's Portfolio - Charlotte Nadin; Photographer of the Year - Peter O Shea Snr; Roving Photo Hunt - Trevor Mace; Walking Hunt - Gail Purdon; Mystery Trip Competition - Drew Anderson; Special Subject Print Photographer of the Year - Charlotte Nadin; Open Print Photographer of the Year - Peter O Shea Snr; Open DPI Photographer of the Year - Peter O Shea Snr; Special Subject DPI Photographer of the Year - Peter O Shea Snr; DPI of the Year - Alan Williams; Black and White Print of the Year - Charlotte Nadin; Colour print of the Year -



■ NEW ROLE: Retiring president Gail Purdon hands over the ribbon of office to Dick Moon

Charlotte Nadin; Gaining Top Marks Against Other Clubs - Charlotte Nadin and Trevor Mace; Winning Entry in First Year of Membership - Charlotte Nadin.

The club and its members look forward to this year's new programme of events, which will be slightly more varied than in the past.

Chard Camera Club runs an open house policy, always welcoming visitors and new members at twice-monthly meetings on the first and third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street. Further details can be found online at www.chardcameraclub.org.uk or via Peter Partridge on 01460 66885.

Students inspired by theatre company visit



STUDENTS at Holyrood Academy in Chard were inspired by a visit from the London-based Box Clever Theatre Company.

Box Clever specialises in producing artistic workshops that are an imaginative and radical way of bringing contemporary theatre to young people.

In preparation for an English unit on Shakespeare, Year 8 was keen to get involved in the interactive performance of "Romeo and Juliet".

Box Clever's aim was to inspire in the students an appreciation of Shakespeare's ultimate teenage love story, as well as celebrate the genius of the man himself. It seems they certainly achieved that, with words of "exciting", "funny" and "energetic" being heard from pupils.

Again focussing on "Romeo and Juliet", Year 10 students then saw a condensed version of the play.

Mr Puck Webber, head of English at the academy, enthused: "I loved the production and the workshop - they were fun, engaging and inspired the students. It took the fear out of Shakespeare that some students feel. They have been raving about the experience and how we should do it again."



■ PRIZEWINNERS: Successful members of Chard Camera Club at their annual awards evening

Advertiser's Announcement

New Headmaster for Perrott Hill Preparatory School

THE Governors of Perrott Hill are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Tim Butcher as the new Head with effect from September 2015. Mr Butcher is currently Deputy Head of Winchester House School in Northamptonshire.



The Chairman of Governors, Lord Bradbury said, "I am extremely pleased that Tim Butcher has accepted our invitation to become the next Head at Perrott Hill. Although it was a very strong field, Tim's experience, understanding and empathy for our school made him the outstanding candidate. I believe he is perfectly equipped to drive Perrott Hill forward and to oversee the next phase of the School's development."

Mr Butcher also expressed great pleasure at his new appointment. "I am absolutely delighted to have been appointed the next Head of Perrott Hill and, with Bethan and our children, am hugely looking forward to being part of the community from September."

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Rotarians enjoy talk on last Vulcan bomber ahead of its final appearance at Yeovilton

AS the last remaining Vulcan bomber, XH558, is set to draw in the crowds at its final engagement at Yeovilton Air Day this year, members of the Rotary Club of Ilminster were thrilled to welcome former RAF navigator Paul Bradly to speak on the subject.

Paul, a Somerset lad born in Crewkerne, joined the air force at age 19 as a bomb aimer navigator, and after his training joined the radar crew in 1962.

The Vulcan was originally commissioned just after the Second World War as part of a Quick Reaction Alert Force and could be airborne in four minutes.

During this Cold War period, and amid concerns over the nuclear threat from the Soviet Union, in addition to conventional weapons Paul explained that the Vulcan's primary aim was to drop nuclear bombs, which had such exotic names as Red Beard, and Yellow Sun.

Paul (pictured) had actually flown missions in this revered bomber and explained that there was a crew of five on board, on permanent readiness and working 40 day shifts in rotation. In addition to two pilots, the crew included two navigators and an electronics officer.

Squeezed into a tiny cockpit, it was only the pilots who had ejector seats; the other crew members sat below the pilots, facing backwards and in total darkness.

Although some training flights took place in the UK, many were carried out over the sparsely populated areas of north east Canada, operating from the air base at Goose Bay.

In addition to the Vulcan's warfare role there were occasional one-off activities. One memorable occasion was when the crew were selected to perform the Vindicator bomber flying se-



quences in the James Bond film "Thunderball". The film company made a donation to the RAF Benevolent fund and Paul, along with his colleagues, was invited to spend the day at Pinewood Studios where they got to meet Sean Connery and Christine Auger, the female lead.

The Vulcan was eventually replaced for active service by the Tornado aircraft, with many going to museums. However, a band of enthusiasts decided to get one aircraft, the XH558, back into the air, which they managed to achieve in 2007.

This year will see its last airborne appearance at this year's Yeovilton Air Day on Saturday, July 11th, as technical problems make it difficult to maintain flying approval.



■ CAROLINE Dowell, representing Children's Hospice South West, recently met with Ilminster Rotarian Danice Jackson to receive a cheque for £620. The money was raised in support of the charity at a concert held late last year, when the Dorset Male Voice Choir performed at The Minster.

Election hustings at Minster

THE churches of Ilminster will be hosting a meeting on Friday, May 1st when all parliamentary candidates for the Yeovil constituency will be available to answer the public's questions.

The meeting, which will be chaired by Julie Fowler, past-president of Ilminster Rotary Club, and will be held in the Minster at 7pm for 7.30pm.

Questions will only be accepted if they are addressed to all candidates. They should be sent in advance by email to the Vicar of Ilminster, the reverend Nigel Done, by emailing nigel.done@btinternet.com or handed in to the office in the Minster Rooms by April 30th.

Funding for new Tai Chi class in South Petherton

THANKS to funding from Active South Somerset, a new class in South Petherton has been set up to keep residents active.

The Active South Somerset programme is aimed at improving opportunities for activities in the South Somerset district. Active Somerset helps with funding during a 12 week pilot session of the class.

In South Petherton, a new Tai Chi Shibashi Qigong class has also started every Wednesday from 2pm to 3pm at The David Hall. Malcolm Norton, who has taken up the class, said "Tai Chi Shibashi has been great to work on my upper body to loosen up stiff joints and muscles".

There are many other new classes starting around South Somerset thanks to funding from Active South Somerset. Many of the classes are easy to attend due to being in community buildings and the first session of any class is free to attend.

Councillor Sylvia Seal, portfolio holder for leisure and culture at South Somerset District Council, said: "We have seen a large increase of new groups set up in smaller communities thanks to funding from Active South Somerset.

"Our staff at the district council help to set up groups, offer advice and signpost residents to their nearest group. We are pleased to see more and more groups popping up across South Somerset to help keep residents active".

To find out more about the South Petherton class contact Martyn Powell on 07717 893 749 or for details on how to access Active South Somerset funding to start up a class, contact South Somerset District Council's Healthy Lifestyles Team by emailing active@south-somerset.gov.uk or call on 01935 462346/7.

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BOOK WORMS: Booking officer clerk Judy Kyle with Henryk Plotzek and Jo Spitelier from the Friends of Crewkerne Station

THE Friends of Crewkerne Station have stocked a bookshelf in the station booking office to keep the travelling public entertained.

Station booking office clerk Judy Kyle had the idea and supplied the shelves. Members of the Friends of Crewkerne Station did the rest by supplying a selection of books.

The friends are encouraging passengers to borrow a book and either return it when they have finished it, or replace it with another.

Secretary Gail Coleshill said: "We hope that passengers will borrow books from the booking office but in order for it to work people must donate books too."

"One of our members has given us about 100 books which is a wonderful start to the scheme and we are hoping that others will follow suit.

"If other stations started a book lending scheme then passengers could perhaps swap books all along the line."

Trail-blazing apprentices call for local businesses to follow their lead

A CUTTING-edge Somerset County Council initiative helping young people facing disadvantage gain invaluable training and experience is calling for other organisations to follow its lead.

Thirty-five young people in Somerset have now benefitted from the council's flagship training scheme, Pathway to Employment, since its launch in 2013.

The programme helps young individuals, who might need things done differently to find employment, to secure work opportunities across Somerset. It may be that the young person is disabled, has a learning difficulty, or is a care-leaver, for example.

The nature of these opportunities depends on what is best for the young person, through an assessment with Somerset Skills and Learning. It may be work experience or a supported work placement, a traineeship or a 12-18 month apprenticeship.

Over the last year, thanks to the programme, young people in the county have gained new skills in children's centres, nurseries, schools, in transport and IT services, and even the County Hall canteen.

Graduates from the scheme are now encouraging other organisations and companies of all sizes to follow in the council's footsteps.

Kane Clarke, who benefitted from the scheme in its

first year, said: "Before joining the council I wasn't sure what direction my future might take. The Pathway to Employment scheme gave me an opportunity at a time I most needed it.

"I've now been at the council for a couple of years and in that time I've had two promotions."

Apprentice Aaron Dye added: "Other organisations and businesses should think about starting up their own Pathway to Employment scheme. It would help create even more opportunities in different sectors to the wide variety of people who live in the county of Somerset."

Councillor Anna Groskop, cabinet member for HR and Transformation at Somerset County Council, said: "We really are keen for other organisations, big and small, to adopt this scheme, and see for themselves just how rewarding it is to be able to give valuable experience and training to young people from a range of different backgrounds, both for those individuals, and for a company."

Organisations or companies interested in finding out more can get in touch with Clive Mallon by emailing CMallon@somerset.gov.uk

Ceilidh in aid of parish church and folk festival

A ceilidh that will raise funds for the Church of St Peter & St Paul in South Petherton, as well as for this year's Petherton Folk Fest, will take place in the church on Friday, April 24th.

This is the second time that a ceilidh is being held in the parish church and will feature the same local band – Fiddlestix & Friends – with popular caller, Will Antell.

Tickets cost £8 for adults and £4 for under 16s, including a ploughman's supper, available from N&D News in South Petherton or reserved and paid for on the night by calling 01460 249288 or 01460 929204.

A licensed bar, tea, coffee and cakes will be avail-

able throughout the evening.

Petherton Folk Fest takes place this year on Saturday, June 20th.

Pete Wheeler, chairman of the Folk Fest Committee, said: "We are thrilled that last year's fundraising ceilidh has started what we hope will become an annual event. It is a terrific way of injecting funds into the Folk Fest's budget so that parishioners and visitors can enjoy a day of mostly free entertainment. It also helps to emphasise the importance of the church and its grounds during this annual event."

Further details of the Folk Fest can be found at www.pethertonfolkfest.org.uk

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■ JOINING FORCES: Lions Club members present a £7,600 cheque to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance

MEMBERS from Ilminster and Crewkerne Lions Clubs joined other clubs from around the county to raise nearly £8,000 to provide a new piece of equipment for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

The clubs from Yeovil, Ilminster, Crewkerne, Wells, Glastonbury & Street held their own fundraising events to coin together £7,600 for a special baby-pod which can be used by air ambulance paramedics to transport tiny tots and infants in the helicopter in an incubator-style conditions.

Representatives of the Lions Clubs went along to the air ambulance's flight headquarters at Henstridge on Friday to present a cheque to the charity.

Air ambulance paramedic Michelle Walker said: "We would like to thank the Lions Clubs for this fantastic gesture. Having the baby-pod is going to make things so much better when we have to deal with young patients. It's going to make a big difference."

By View from reporter

Michelle said that a good percentage of the people they are sent out to help in the air ambulance are children.

She was joined by fellow paramedic Mark Williams and pilot Phil Merritt who thanked the Lions Club members for their £7,600 cheque and were able to answer any questions about the air ambulance's work which is funded 100 per cent by charitable donations.

The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance's other crew members are pilot Max Hoskins and paramedics are Claire Baker, Leonie German, Paul Owen and Steve Freeman.

The Lions Clubs involved in the project were from Zone J of Lions Club International's District 105SW.

Easter-theme family fun at Ferne's successful open day

AN open day at the Ferne Animal Sanctuary, near Chard, was a huge success and raised more than £2,000 for the charity.

As well as seeing and learning about the animals, a packed sanctuary saw families taking part in an Easter treasure trail, face painting, crafts, competitions and more.

The three prize-winners of the "Most Gloriously Impressively Decorated Egg" were Fleur Dale, aged ten, her brother Oliver, aged six, and three-year-old Megan Clark.

They were each presented with their prizes and certificates on the day by the competition judge, Nanette Wale, who is also chairman of trustees at Ferne.

Sharon Pavey, head of fundraising and marketing at Ferne Animal Sanctuary, said: "It was brilliant to see the Sanctuary full of so many youngsters having a great time.

"Thank you to all our sponsors and the 35 volunteers who made this day such fun. As a charity we rely on volunteers and we're always looking for more help with fundraising events."

Ferne Animal Sanctuary is a registered charity open to the public all year round, except Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

it re-homes within a 40 mile radius of the site in Wambrook, near Chard, including Somerset, Devon and Dorset and relies solely on donations.

To find out how to volunteer and learn more about all upcoming events, including the 75th anniversary ball on September 19th at Woodlands Castle, Taunton, visit www.ferneanimalsanctuary.org or call 01460-65214.



■ PRIZEWINNERS: Chairman of the trustees at Ferne, Nanette Wale, with prize winners Oliver Dale and Fleur Dale, and below, Megan Clark



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■ RETIREMENT PARTY: From left, Ursula Makepeace, George Bastone and his daughter Fiona Peters

Horicultural society pays tribute to retiring stalwart

WITH George Bastone approaching his 95th birthday he decided it was time to cut back on his commitments so he has stepped down from the committee of Beer Horticultural Society.

As a member of the committee and also long-standing chairman and then president since he returned from service with the Devonshire regiment in Burma after the end of World War II, Mr Bastone has been an integral part of the BHS's success story.

"Gardening is in my blood," said Mr Bastone, who was born and bred in the village while his father, Charles, used to run a nursery and shop in Clap's Lane.

The BHS didn't let the occasion go unmarked as they arranged a special party at the Dolphin Hotel to celebrate his remarkable achievements and present

him with a David Austin Celebration Rose.

"This is a really nice surprise and I don't know where all the people came from!" added Mr Bastone.

"I have really enjoyed my time and I was very proud when Beer won the Britain in Bloom gold medal last year. I think the flowers in the village are getting better and better every year."

Current chairwoman Ursula Makepeace took over from Mr Bastone in 1995 and said his support had been invaluable.

"George has always been happy to give advice and help me and moreover is such a nice guy," said Mrs Makepeace.

"But he has now been appointed Honorary Life Member and luckily for us he will continue to help out at the annual Flower Show and assist the judges."



Seaton Majorettes to present dance show

■ SEATON Majorettes are gearing up for their second annual dance show. The showpiece, which goes under the name of 'That's Entertainment 2', will go ahead on Saturday, June 13th in The Gateway at Seaton Town Hall. A total of 47 majorettes are part of the production, directed by June Millman, and rehearsals are currently taking place in Seaton Methodist Chutch. The majorettes are hoping to raise a lot of money towards a new van to transport their sound and light equipment to various events.

Fire chiefs issues warning after thatch fire

EAST Devon and South Somerset fire chiefs are warning thatched property owners to take extra care in their homes, following a devastating blaze that destroyed a pub in West Dorset last week.

The Clockhouse Inn at Chideock, between Lyme Regis and Bridport, was gutted by a chimney fire that quickly spread to the building's thatched roof.

Safety bosses over the border believe a similar tragedy could strike unless homeowners take steps to protect their properties.

"Fire in a thatched roof is difficult to detect and once started is difficult to control", said Marc House, community safety prevention manager at Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service.

"Once a fire has taken hold within a roof it will spread rapidly, due to the very nature of how thatch burns, and often the results are devastating.

"A thatched home can be ruined not only by the

fire but by the amount of water needed to put it out. Within an ancient cottage, water can dissolve old cobb walls as well as causing serious water damage throughout."

Crews from East Devon and South Somerset were among the 14 teams called to the blaze in Chideock on Bank Holiday Monday. Despite their best efforts, the 16th century pub was completely destroyed.

Now officers are keen to ensure further thatch properties are not at risk from wood-burning stoves, electrical faults or structural deficiencies.

Discarded cigarettes and garden bonfires have also been known to spark fires at thatched properties, officers say.

Mr House advised that thatch property owners have their chimney swept regularly and have a fire alarm installed and regularly tested.

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New majorettes troupe looking forward to performing season

THE newly-formed Ilminster Majorettes are getting ready for their opening public performances – just a few months after getting started.

The troupe was set up by Emily Langhorn who used to be a member of the old Ilminster Dazzling Sapphires group, which folded around 10 years ago.

Now Emily has set up Ilminster Majorettes and is delighted at the enthusiasm being shown by the members.

An initial meeting was held at the end of November last year at the Shrubbery Hotel and 30 signed up there and then. The troupe is now nearing 40 young people – the vast majority of whom have never been in a majorettes group before.

"It's great for Ilminster to have its own majorettes again," said Emily. "Virtually everyone is completely new to this and so we've had to start from scratch."

"But I've been delighted with how everything is going and the children are really enthusiastic."

Emily said that the main objective for the group at the moment is to be able to go out and represent Ilminster with the vast majority of the members all coming from the town.

She does not want Ilminster Majorettes to be too competitive just yet, but there is no doubt



that in the future they will be vying for prizes against other local majorette troupes, such as the Trojan Twirlers at Ilton, the Merriott Silhouettes and the Chard Goldstars.

For now, the main aim is to have fun and to get out and about as well achieving personal goals and promoting healthy living.

The troupe's first public performances will be at the Ilminster Midsummer Experience in early June and then the Ilminster Lions' annual summer fete on June 27th. The majorettes are also planning on taking part in South Petherton Carnival in September and Ilminster Carnival in October.

The troupe meets every Wednesday evening at the Ille Youth Centre in Frog Lane, Ilminster, where the members are beginning to learn the routines.

■ BUCKLAND Bolters from Buckland St Mary Primary School, near Chard, took part in the recent Combe Fun Run on. The children were very supportive of each other but also showed great determination and competitiveness. This was rewarded with Louis Dann Dumousseau gaining 1st place Key Stage 2 boy, Sharon Dyer 2nd Key Stage 2 girl, Lily Farmer 3rd KSeY Stage 2 girl and Mary Farmer 3rd Key Stage 1 girl in the outside of Combe School children's races. Pictured right are (back row) Harry Criddle, Misha Lanham, Alex Albon, Grace Farmer, Lewis Rich, (centre row) Sharon Dyer, Louis Dann Dumousseau, Mary Farmer, Lily Farmer, (front row) Sam Albon and George Cridle.



Ilminster to host town criers' competition

OYEZ OYEZ! There will be plenty of shouting going on in Ilminster town centre on Saturday (April 18th) when it holds a town crier competition.

Town criers from around the region will be converging on Ilminster for the competition where they will be put through their paces. The visitors will be hosted by Ilminster's very own town crier Andrew Fox.

The competition will be held in the Market

Square in the centre of Ilminster from 10am to 3.30pm. There will be a parade of the town criers at 10.30am and then they will be asked to make their first cry at 11am.

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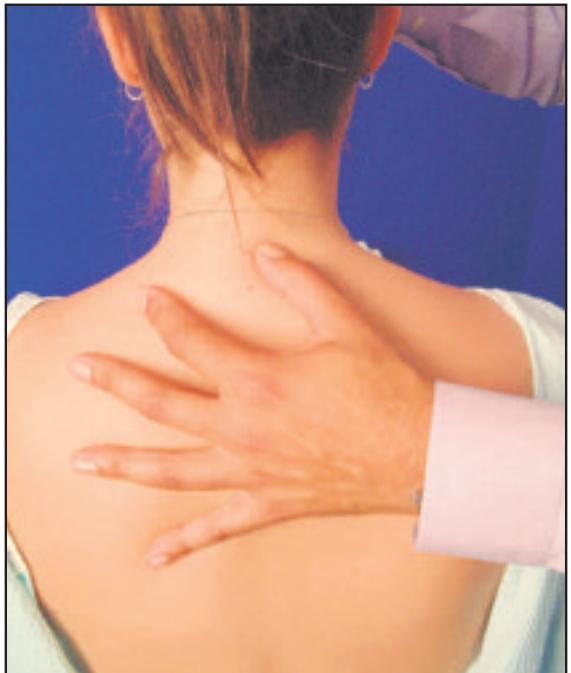
door premises. The recently completed extension to the clinic at 191-193 High St Honiton provides extra

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"As our practice continues to grow we urgently needed more space and I was very keen to provide downstairs consulting rooms" said clinic director Richard Stenning. "We now have three chiropractors here in Honiton and several other therapists including acupuncturists, counsellors, masseurs, a medical herbalist and more on the way.

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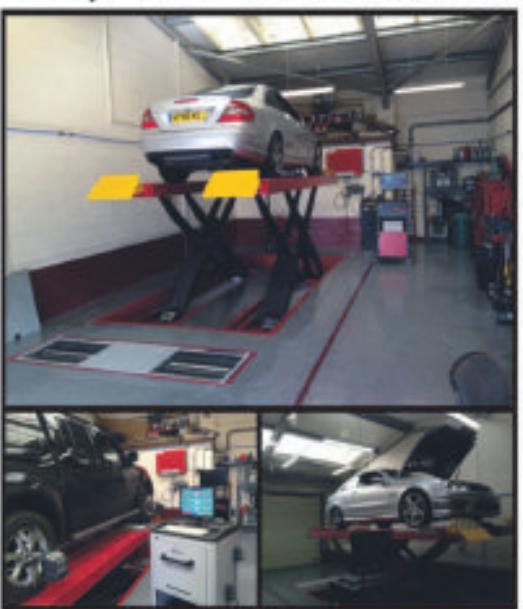
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The Tenant Representative Group AGM is taking place on **Tuesday 21 April 2015**
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If you are a tenant or leaseholder of East Devon District Council, you are welcome to attend.

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BAND OF FRIENDS AT THE BARN

Group celebrates the music of Rory Gallagher see page 25

An English rose between two horns

ILMINSTER Arts Centre at the Meeting House will host an evening of gentle jazz from a superb line-up of award-winning musicians this Friday, April 17th.

Vocalist Tina May is the 'English rose' between the two horns, the horns in question being played by Alan Barnes on saxophone and Mark Nightingale on trombone. Tina has sung with most of the leading jazz musicians of her generation and has been acclaimed as "the most expressive and technically gifted jazz singer on the UK scene" by the Scotsman.

Alan Barnes is the UK's top saxophone player, having won many British Jazz Awards. A regular performer at Ilminster Arts Centre, Alan has worked with many different musicians, including Humphrey Lyttelton, Don Weller, Stan Tracey and John Dankworth, the BBC Big Band and the Tina May Trio. He has also appeared on albums by Van Morrison, Bryan Ferry and Selina Jones as a session musician, and was the BBC Instrumentalist of the Year in 2001 and 2006.

Mark Nightingale started playing



Tina May

trombone at the tender age of nine and joined first The Midlands Jazz Orchestra, then the National Youth Jazz Orchestra. He is regarded as one of the greatest jazz trombonists in the world.

These three musicians are joined tonight by Ilminster Arts Centre regulars, The Craig Milverton Trio, who will be backing them as well as providing their own brand of jazz magic.

Tina May, Alan Barnes, Mark Nightingale and the Craig Milverton Trio play at 8pm on Friday, April 17th. Tickets are £20, and a pre-show supper is available at 7pm for £12 (must be booked in advance). For more details visit www.themeetinghouse.org.uk or call 01460 55783, and to book call the Box office 01460 54973.



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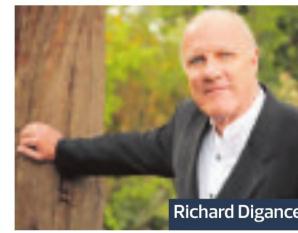
RICHARD Digance is a rare performer in that he's respected by comedians for his original material and by musicians for being an accomplished performer/guitarist.

His loyal following confirms his wide appeal and ranges from the younger generation to the super-loyal who have followed Richard since the time he had his own ITV series, and even further back when he started out in Folk clubs. Many modern-day performers are inspired by Richard's guitar playing and individual style.

Richard Digance returns to the

David Hall in South Petherton for a fifth time on this Friday, April 17th at 8pm.

Tickets are £16 available online at www.thedavidhall.org.uk or by calling 01460 240340



Richard Digance

Photographer Ben Osborne to give talks at three venues

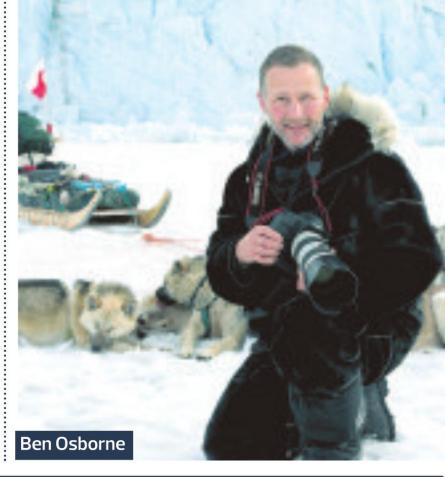
AWARD-WINNING wildlife and landscape photographer Ben Osborne will visit Northleigh, Axmouth and Colyford this week to give talks on his Himalayan journeys in Ladakh and Zanskar.

Ben trekked up frozen rivers, crossed amazing mountain passes, travelled through uninhabited valleys, camped in caves, and visit ancient monasteries. Now he is here to tell you his story of two journeys, with stunning images and an entertaining and compelling commentary.

Ben will talk at Northleigh Village Hall on Wednesday, April 15th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50 adults, £5.50 children and £25 family (call 01404 831476 or visit www.wegottickets.com);

Colyford Memorial Hall on Friday, April 17th at 7.30pm, tickets are £8 adults, £6 child (from Colyford Post Office or 01297 553710);

Axmouth Village Hall on Saturday, April 18th at 7pm, tickets £10 including a light supper (from 01297 20673 - BYOB).



Ben Osborne

The Xcerts Don't Care!



FOLLOWING on from the overwhelming response to their new album 'There Is Only You', which was released in November 2014, The Xcerts can now announce both a new EP and a UK headline tour, including a date in Exeter.

The brilliant album cut 'I Don't Care' will be released as a single on Monday, April 20th, with a brilliant and brand new/unreleased b-side 'Wish' and three tracks recorded live at Glasgow's Oran Mor in December 2014.

The trio play at Exeter Cavern on Thursday, April 23rd. Tickets are £6 (plus 60p booking fee) available online by visiting exetercavern.com

An evening of clairvoyance

EX-HAIRDRESSER Steve Holbrook, regarded by many as one of the UK's top Clairvoyant Mediums, is visiting locally very shortly, and he explains how he hears the voices of our loved ones that have passed away. His ability started from behind the salon chair, and he now visits Theatres and Hotels around the country, and as far as the Caribbean, demonstrating his unique ability to act as a telephone exchange between this

world and the Spirit world.

Steve says that he was always aware from being a child that life existed beyond the grave, when he awoke to find 5 soldiers marching through his bedroom, but could only see the top half of them floating through the room. "This was very un-nerving experience but it was to give me an early glimpse of what was to come, and now it's as natural as breathing to me"

Steve started work in Leeds

city centre in a busy hairdressing salon, and feels that the years he spent behind the chair, having that personal contact with the customers, stimulated this rare, yet natural ability to hear the voices of spirits. People used to come in and book for their hair cut, and often got more than they bargained for when he passed on a message from their loved one. Steve was always the busiest stylist, and had a six week waiting list if people didn't re-book immediately, and says "I often wonder if they kept coming back for my ability as a hair stylist, or the possibility that they might receive a message from a relative who had passed away!"

He now gives messages of reassurance to people who have lost their loved ones, and by communicating with them, helps them understand that life continues, just simply in

a different dimension. One lady's mum came through to her in one of Steve's messages, and said to the daughter "don't forget the brown Prada handbag on Friday". The lady replied "I'm putting it in my mums coffin on Friday, she only died 5 days ago". Who would know this information?

Steve has three books out, 'Light in the Darkness', 'Out of this World', and 'Survival', and these all offer a true insight into the day-to-day life of a working medium, Steve's beliefs on many areas of Spiritualism, and a great background to Steve's life.

Steve has raised tens of thousands of pounds for charities over the years, £50,000 for his local hospice in Wakefield, £5,000 for MacMillan Support, and most recently our current total for PACT - a charity that helps terminally ill children and their parents across the country - is almost £21,000. He is dedicated to raising funds and awareness for this charity.

Stephen Holbrook will host an evening of Clairvoyance at the Beehive, Honiton on Friday, May 8th, doors 7pm for 7.30pm.

Tickets are £17 in advance or £18 on the door. To book call 01823 666292 or visit www.stephenholbrook.co.uk

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Seaton Drama Group's B.O.G.O.F. comedy double

SEATON DRAMA GROUP'S B.O.G.O.F. evening is offering two plays for the price of one!

Penned by local writer Chrissy Evans, who asked the group to read and comment on them. There was so much laughter at the read through that the



Seaton Drama Group

group asked to stage them. Both plays are full of comic moments and pathos.

'Is it Friday' is set in a retirement home and features a forthright character called Beattie. It is full of comic moments, some pathos and mystery... what is the silent Martha from Cheltenham spa's story? All is revealed at the end.

'The Beach Huts' is a snapshot of the beach hut community on a beach which could be Seaton? We meet a diverse cast of characters and find out some secrets along the way entwined with hilarity. Making his debut on stage is Charlie the Jack Russell... Working with animals - anything could happen!

Tickets are now on sale at The Gateway box office - Telephone: 01297 625699 £7 and £5 for age 12 and under. Performances on Wednesday 29th and Thursday, April 30th take place at 7.30pm each night.

Celebrating the music of Rory Gallagher

SOFT spoken Irishman Rory Gallagher's music reached a massive audience from Norway to Spain, from Japan to the USA, covering all parts of the globe and producing some of the greatest rock and blues albums of the 60s, 70s and the 80s.

Sadly Rory died on June 14th 1995, and to his devoted fans and followers this was the ultimate tragedy. Now two of his bandmates have formed The Band Of Friends, this is not a tribute to Rory, more a celebration of his life and music.

Gerry Mcavoy, Rory's bassist played, recorded and toured with Rory for 20 years and played on every album Rory ever made.

Ted McKenna, although best known for his work with The Sensational Alex Harvey Band played drums with Rory from 1978-81.

Dutch guitar Marcel Scherpenzeel wizard grew up with Rory's music and Gerry promises, "This is the closest guitarist to Rory you will ever hear".

The Band of Friends appear at The Barn at Square and Compass, Ilminster on Thursday, April 23rd. This is the only Somerset date on a full Eu-

ropean tour. Tickets are £14 in advance, and are available from the venue, by calling 01823 480467 (pay by card), online at www.mojopromo.co.uk or Black Cat Records in Taunton.



The Band of Friends

Dino Train back on track at Seaton Tramway

THE Dinosaur Train™, the exciting animated series from The Jim Henson Company (creators of the Muppets and Sesame Street), and one of the top series on Nickelodeon's Nick Jr., and Seaton Tramway will be hosting more special Dinosaur Train days during the May Bank holiday weekends and later in the year.

On May 3rd and May 24th, together with every Sunday in August, kids will have the opportunity to ride on the Dinosaur Train tram at the ever popular Seaton Tramway in Devon.

Visitors will get to meet Buddy, the loveable and curious T-Rex, Laura the Gigantosaurus, Quincy the Quetzalcoatlus, Carla the Shark, Ned the Brachiosaurus and Mr Conductor, the Troodon, and celebrate the fascination that children have with dinosaurs and trains!

The adventure will begin at Seaton where a dinosaur themed tram will take you to the Nature Trackers' Adventure Area at Colyton Station. Along the way there will be lots of music and stories from the hit show and kids will receive their Nature Trackers' Club Guidebook filled with fun-packed activities! There will also be plenty of wildlife to see as the tram

passes through two nature reserves on the Axe Estuary.

At the Nature Trackers' Adventure Area, there will be a Dinosaur Dig, Fossil Excavation site, Dino Footprint Tracking, Dinosaur Activity area with loads of dinosaur exhibits to touch and draw, temporary tattoos and a bouncy castle! Experience a close encounter with real snakes, lizards and other species from Exeter Exotics. You'll also be able to purchase one of our dinosaur treats at the Tramstop Café and look around the gift shop for lots of dinosaur and tram souvenirs.

After your fun-filled stop at the Adventure Area, your tram will take you back to Seaton and each child will receive a Dinosaur Goody Bag.

The Dinosaur Train is geared toward preschool children aged 2-5 years, but the entire family is guaranteed to have a great time. The Dinosaur Train tram will depart from Seaton Terminus at 11am on 3rd



Players' Three Nights of Comedy at Honiton College

HONITON Players perform three nights of their new show 'Outside Edge' next week. *Outside Edge* is set in a pavilion during the course of an important cricket match. Somehow the complications of the match pale before those occurring among the various WAGs and players.

Outside Edge was made into a very successful T.V. series starring Brenda Blethyn, Josie Lawrence and Timothy Spall, to name just a few.

Performances are at Honiton Community College at 7.30pm nightly from Thursday, April 23rd to Saturday, April 25th.

Tickets are £8 available at Honiton Toy Shop.

Penelope Retold

Olivier Award Nominee Caroline Horton brings one woman show to the Marine Theatre



OLIVIER Award nominee and Stage Best Solo Performer Caroline Horton is currently touring 'compelling monodrama' (The Guardian) *Penelope Retold*, coming to the Marine Theatre on Wednesday, April 22nd.

Having already gained huge critical acclaim and congratulatory audience responses since its premiere at Derby Theatre in 2014, *Penelope Retold* tells an epic, heart-breaking and fiercely playful tale of love, loneliness and the need to be free.

Welcome to Ithaca, Island paradise and home to Penelope. She's married to a world famous war hero and she's had enough of waiting quietly. Made with input from soldiers and military spouses, *Penelope Retold* is an irreverent collision of classic myth, The Odyssey and contemporary rage.

Get ready for a theatrical storm that sweeps through poetry, songs, comedy and YouTube clips towards a poignant and furious conclusion.

The show takes place at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Wednesday, April 22nd at 8pm. To book tickets contact the TIC on 01297 442138 or visit www.marinetheatre.com

Let's Dance!

JOIN Axminster Musical Theatre at the Guildhall on Saturday, April 18th where they are hosting an evening of nonstop dancing to the very popular Gen Gap.

Dress casual or get dolled up in your best and come and strut your stuff from old time dancing to ballroom or disco – it's your choice!

Gen Gap cover most types of dancing and this is a great opportunity to let your hair down and just enjoy an evening of dance. Tickets are £10 and nibbles are included. The dancing starts at 7.30pm. So whether you fancy yourself as a disco diva or you just want to glide around the dance floor like Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire then Saturday, April 18th is your opportunity.

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AXMINSTER: Art class starting at Axminster Guildhall from 9.30 to 11.30am. All abilities welcome, tuition provided. For more information, please contact Claire Anderson on 01460 63083 / claireanderson105@btinternet.com

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society coach trip to the National Trust estate of Stourhead. Leaving 9.30am. Spaces available, £11 for National Trust Members, £20 non-members. The gardens should be in full Spring flower by then, to make a memorable day out. Book with Rob Harvey on 01297 631664, by April 7th please. For more details visit www.ulrhs.wordpress.com, or call 01297 444034.

HONITON: Illustrated talk – City of London Guilds. The history, colour, pomp and pageantry of the Lord Mayor and the City of London Guilds are lavishly illustrated in a talk by William Forrester, including highlights from The City's Art Collection. A National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts lecture, at The Beehive, Dowell St. EX14 1LZ, at 2pm. Non members welcome - £5 donation suggested. No booking required. For further information see www.honiton-dfas.org.uk or phone 01404 45360.

HONITON: Hospiscare Bargain Sale at Mackarness Hall, 9am-12noon. Homemade refreshments served.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at George Reynolds Sports Centre. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. In aid of Crewkerne Football. All welcome.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15TH

BEER: Jurassic Folk in the Function Room at the Dolphin Hotel, Beer, EX12 3EQ. Starts 8pm through to 10.30pm. For more details contact, Andrew 01404 46451 or Adrian 01404 549 903.

AXMINSTER: Free Make & Munch with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families), 10.30am-12.30pm. For parents and carers of children (0-18), a hands-on course of six sessions. Have fun preparing simple delicious food and enjoy eating it together. Pre-school age children welcome with parents/carers. At the Masonic Hall, South Street, Axminster. To book a place call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk.

SEATON: Seaton and District Men's Probus Club meeting at St. Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford Road, Seaton at 10.00am when the speaker will be Dale Johnson on 'Homeguard'. New members welcome (Keith West on 01297 624374).

COLYFORD: National Trust Axe Valley Centre, Talk by Dr F.E. Burroughs on 'The wonderful world of glass' with glass items to look at. This will be at 2.30 pm at Colyford Memorial Hall £2.00 for non-members (including tea/coffee and biscuit)

SEATON: Axe Valley Heritage Association, illustrated talk, "Roman Seaton", by Doug Hislop. At the United Reformed Church Hall, Cross Street, Seaton. 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Doors open 7pm. AVHA members £2, non-members £3, including tea/coffee and biscuits. For more details call Alan Nicholas on 01297 792212.

HONITON: The next meeting of the Honiton University of the Third Age at the Beehive Centre, Dowell Street, Honiton. The Guest speaker will be Dr. Peter Williams who will be giving an illustrated talk entitled 'The Stars & Universe' – The nature and role of stars – how and where they are born, live and die. Doors open at 1.45pm for a 2pm start. Members free. A donation of £2 is welcome from visitors

AXMINSTER: Dementia Awareness Session at Axminster Library 10 -11am. Find out how to become a Dementia Friend. Free and open to everyone. Tea and coffee.

NORTHLÉIGH: Ben Osborne will talk on his Himalayan Journeys through Ladakh and Zanskar. Northleigh Village Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50 adults, £5.50 children, £2.50 families, available by calling 01404 831476 or www.gottotickets.com.

THURSDAY APRIL 16TH

COLYTON: Walking discovery of Colyton. £3 per person (under 16s free). Booking not required. An easy stroll lasting about an hour offering a chance to look and discover lots about Colyton. From 2pm at the town car park, regardless of weather.

CHARD: Chard Camera club is holding an in house print competition in subjects of 'Close up'; 'Landscape' and an 'Open' class. Anyone wishing to make enquiries of the club or wishing to join can contact the club via their website chardcameracub.org.uk or by ringing Peter Partridge on 01460 66885.

CREWKERNE: Folk Dancing at St. Bartholomew's Church hall, Abbey St. Crewkerne. Every Thursday 8 to 10 pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call 01460 77320 / 72505

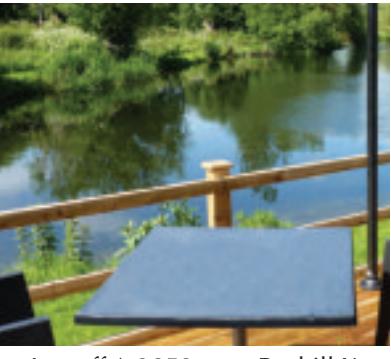


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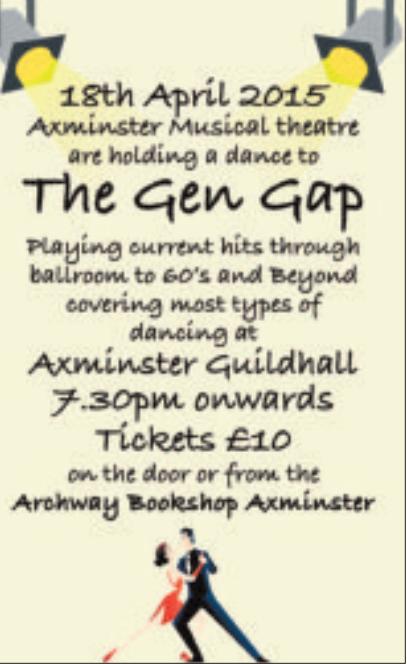
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SEVEN local artists will be filling the Ilminster Arts Centre's gallery when they 'ride into town' to present an action packed group exhibition. Between them the seven talented artists will be providing a showcase of an exciting range of techniques and media, as well as their own individual styles.

Among the exhibits will be stained glass pieces by Sue Heys, intricate and precise copper plate engravings by Roy Cooney, and dynamic sculpture by Melanie Deegan. Bern Sawle will present a selection of his unique fused glass sculptures while painters Diane Burnell and Jenny Keogh will be showing some of their distinctive, poetic paintings.

The Magnificent Seven exhibition takes place at Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House from Monday, April 20th until Saturday, May 16th. Admission is free and the exhibition is open 9.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday, and 9.30am-2.30pm on Saturdays.

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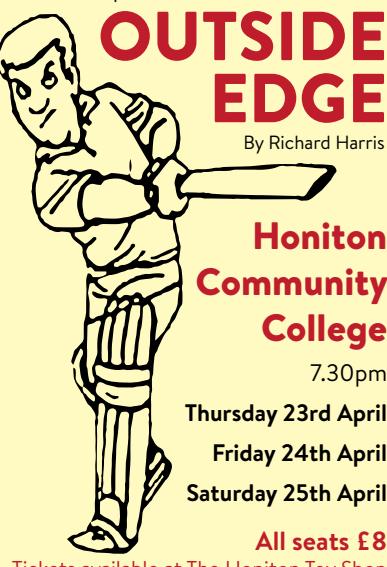
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Diary Dates

SEAVINGTON ST MARY: South Somerset Local RSPB Group meeting. 'New Zealand's Wildlife Gems' - a ground tour showing the wildlife and landscapes of NZ, presented by Ed Drewett, author and broadcaster. 7.30pm at the Millennium Hall. Entry, includes tea and biscuits: £2.50 for members, £3.50 for non-members, under 18s free. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01460 240740.

HORTON: Horton Film Club presents 'What We Did On Our Holiday' at the village hall. Doors 7pm, non-members welcome from 7.15pm. Film starts at 7.30pm. Non-members £5. For more details visit hortonvillage.co.uk

COLYTON: Monmouth Rebellion Costume Event. Come along to the open evening when ideas for easy costumes will be presented so you may join in the community re-enactment event in June. Information sheets, talks, costume displays for men, women & children 5.30pm - 7.30pm, St Andrews Sunday School, Colyton. More info 01297 552626.

FRIDAY APRIL 17TH

AXMINSTER: Cooking Demo For Parents/Carers with children by HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) 10.30-12.00noon. Need new ideas to keep meal times interesting, healthy and on a budget? Come to our FREE healthy cooking demonstrations covering nutritional advice and cooking hints and tips for parents and carers with children. At the HALFF Food Hub, South Street, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk.

HONITON: Hospiscare Evening Bingo at Mackarness Hall. Doors open 6.15pm, eyes down 7pm. Refreshments and raffle.

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall from 1.45pm to 4pm. Tea and Biscuits, Raffle. £2 per person. More details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866

CHARD: 11 Week course in relaxation and meditation begins at St Mary's Church Rooms. Every Friday evening. £2.50 per session.

COLYFORD: Ben Osborne will talk on his Himalayan Journeys through Ladakh and Zanskar. At Colyford Memorial Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 adults, £6 children, available from Colyford Post office or on 01297 553710.

AXMINSTER: Whist Drive, Raffle & Cake Stall. At Woodbury Village Hall, Nr Axminster, EX13 5TL. Start 7.30pm In aid of Miranda & Vicki running the London Marathon For The Stroke Association & Children with Cancer UK

SATURDAY APRIL 18TH

AWLISCOMBE: Puppetcraft presents 'Monkey' a new version by Michael Rosen. At Awliscombe Village hall, 2.30pm. A puppet show for the whole family, perfect for 4+. Tickets £6 adults, £4.50 children - call 01404 45145 or on the door. A Villages in Action event.

AXMINSTER: Dance to The Gen Gap (formerly The Generation Gap) Playing current hits through ballroom, to 60s & beyond. They cover most types of dancing and will perform at The Guildhall from 7.30pm onwards. Tickets £10 from Rose Harvey 01308 425381, Richard Peacock 01460 220334, or The Archway Bookshop Axminster. Proceeds to Axminster Musical Theatre.

WHITELACKINGTON: Table Top Sale at Whitelackington Village Hall. Free entry, refreshments available. 10am-1pm. All proceeds to the hall restoration fun.

EAST CHINNOCK: The annual East Chinnoch Book Sale from 10am-2pm in the Village Hall, easy to find in the middle of the village by the main road (A30). There will be the usual range of thrillers to reference, children's books to recent best sellers, as well as DVDs. Soup and sandwich lunches will be available. The event is a fundraiser for the village church, St. Mary's Church. For more details call 01935 864408

AXMOUTH: Ben Osborne will talk on his Himalayan Journeys through Ladakh and Zanskar. At Axmouth Village Hall, 7pm. Tickets £10 including a light supper, available by calling 01297 20679, BYOB.

UPOTTERY: Upottery Short Mat Bowls Club open afternoon at Upottery Manor Roost, 2-7pm. Tea, coffee, cakes, biscuits and free use of bowls and equipment. For more details call 01404 871516.

SUNDAY APRIL 19TH

DALWOOD: Alan Barnes and The Matt Carter Trio in the Tuckers Arms Dalwood EX13 7EA. Come along & enjoy a great afternoon of Jazz. Ticket £10 & info 01404 831280

DALWOOD: Plant Fair at Burrow Farm Gardens in aid of Plant Heritage. 10 visiting nurseries bringing a selection of their best plants for sale. Entrance to fair £1. Open from 10am – 4pm, gardens close at 7pm. Burrow Farm Gardens, Dalwood, EX13 7ET. 01404 831285

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Search for a Star

THE Somerset School of Performing Arts is looking for talented youngsters between the ages of 5 and 20 years to take part in their annual "Search for a Star Competition" which will be held on Saturday, April 18th from 2pm at The Gateway, Addlewell Lane, Yeovil

The competition is aimed at budding young actors, singers, dancers and performers who would benefit from professional musical theatre training at The Somerset School of Performing Arts. Many of our former pupils including former "Search For a Star" competition winners, have gone on to work in show business including contracts in The West End, in films, in television, in broadcasting, in touring companies, in teaching and in promotional work.

On Saturday, April 18th, any interested young people may come along and join our current pupils for a fun filled afternoon at the end of which anybody who would like to, will be invited to perform a short piece for us in their favourite discipline. The audition piece should be approximately 1½ minutes long and pupils are very welcome to bring props, music or backing tracks on a CD.

The winner of the competition will receive up to a year's free tuition at the Somerset School of Performing Arts. This year we will also be offering discounted fees for the first term of entry to all boys who attend the afternoon.

For further details and an application form contact Helen Laxton LRAD, ARAD, AISTD, AIDTA, RTS on 01935 863865 or email watkins71@btinternet.com

Motor Neurone Disease Association AGM in Misterton

THE South and East Somerset Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Saturday, April 25th 2015 at Misterton Village Hall from 2pm-4pm.

The meeting is primarily intended to thank our supporters for their generosity and dedication and to welcome anyone in our region who may be interested in finding out more about the Association. Volunteers who offer local support to people touched by this devastating disease.

Raising awareness about this disease has been enhanced by recent media coverage at the 'Ice Bucket Challenge'

and the film 'The Theory of Everything', featuring the life of Professor Stephen Hawking. For anyone inspired by these events, or any other way, and wanting to learn more, this meeting will be ideal for you, where there will be a warm welcome, a cream tea and an opportunity to socialise with both old and new friends, and in addition offering support to someone with the disease and their family.

For further information if required please contact John Hayward, Branch Secretary, on 01935 579525 or 07925074750, or Margaret Small, Branch Chairperson, on 01460 78453.

Ginger on the Rocks

FORMED in October '14, Ginger on the Rocks are an alternative acoustic trio that have created a distinctive musical cocktail mixing Ginger's powerful vocals, Stone's killer guitar and Amber's hypnotic djembe drum beats.

Released on March 8th as a free download, through Soundcloud and Reverbnation, their debut 'These Walls Have Teeth', was recorded in Ginger's front room with up and coming producer Jack Arrowsmith of JAMusic. Since the release, the song has received glowing reviews, significant radio play on international radio stations 'The Justin Wayne Show' and SoundArt Radio, and for just over two weeks Ginger on the Rocks (GOTR) were sitting pretty at the No.1 slot of Exeter's alternative music chart on Reverbnation. Michael of Music Reviews had this to say about *These Walls Have Teeth*:

"...you will hear on display a group that speaks rather well in the language of music... It is most certain that "These Walls Have Teeth" for the sheer nature that the room, like you, will want to devour every last note that escapes these three."

In the short time Ginger On The Rocks have been together they've played at the prestigious Mama Stones and have just been confirmed to play as part of the line up at this years Exeter Food Festival. Exeter Festival of South West Food & Drink will once again play host to some stellar live music this year. The Festival

After Dark Party nights allow festival goers to enjoy the varied street food and local beer and cider whilst listening to some of the best live music the South West has to offer. Festival by day visitors can enjoy a host of local musicians taking to the stages in Northernhay Gardens and the Exeter Castle courtyard.

Ginger, Amber and Stone have created a unique sound that draws audiences in and leaves them more than a little shaken and stirred. You can catch them at 9.30pm on the 17th April at the Royal Clarence in Seaton. April & May dates booked so far:

Friday, April 17th: The Royal Clarence,

Seaton 9.30 - 12am. Saturday April 25th: Otter Wheels 1000 Miles for Smiles, The Otter Inn, Honiton 1pm. Sunday, April 26th: Exeter Food Festival Castle Stage 10am, Exeter Food Festival Northernhay Park Garden Stage 12pm.

Sunday, May 3rd: On the Waterfront, Exeter 7.30pm. Saturday, May 30th: Lamb and Flag, Ottery St Mary 9.30pm 'til late

For more information you can find Ginger on the Rocks on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/Gingerontherocks To get your free download of 'These Walls Have Teeth' visit: soundcloud.com/gin gerontherock/thesewallshaveteeth



ON THE ROCKS | Stone, Ginger and Amber performing at Mama Stones. Photo by GTH Photography Devon

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MAY 4	5 DAYS	NORFOLK ... THE BROADS & SANDRINGHAM	£315.00	AUG 17	5 DAYS	THE VERY BEST OF YORKSHIRE	£299.00
MAY 8	5 DAYS	NORMANDY, MONET'S GARDEN WWII BATTLEFIELDS	£375.00	AUG 23	2 DAYS	LONDON SHOWBOAT DINNER CRUISE	£179.00
MAY 10	5 DAYS	YORKSHIRE DELIGHTS	£295.00	AUG 23	7 DAYS	IRELAND - KILLARNEY & THE RING OF KERRY	£485.00
MAY 10	6 DAYS	ANTHONY'S TOUR OF SUFFOLK	£365.00	AUG 23	6 DAYS	CHRISTIAN BASED TOUR - PEAK DISTRICT	£385.00
MAY 22	2 DAYS	CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW	£165.00	AUG 24	5 DAYS	DELIGHTFUL DORSET & THE NEW FOREST	£295.00
MAY 23	7 DAYS	IRELAND ...BEAUTIFUL BANTRY BAY	£475.00	AUG 31	5 DAYS	NORFOLK ... STEAM TRAINS & THE BROADS	£315.00
MAY 25	5 DAYS	A CUMBRIAN JOURNEY & CARLISLE TO SETTLE RAILWAY	£299.00	SEPT 7	5 DAYS	NATIONAL TRUST TREASURES ... NORTH WALES	From £299.00
MAY 25	5 DAYS	THE ARDENNES ... BELGIUM'S HIDDEN GEM	£369.00	SEPT 7	5 DAYS	A CUMBRIAN JOURNEY & CARLISLE TO SETTLE RAILWAY	£299.00
MAY 31	8 DAYS	THE BLACK FOREST & ALSACE VILLAGES	£545.00	SEPT 9	8 DAYS	ALPINE MOUNTAINS & LAKES OF AUSTRIA	£475.00
JUNE 1	5 DAYS	LANCASHIRE'S BYGONE ERA	£299.00	SEPT 11	4 DAYS	THAMES VALLEY EXPLORER	£199.00
JUNE 5	4 DAYS	OXFORD AND ALTHORP HOUSE & GARDENS	£215.00	SEPT 12	2 DAYS	LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND	£179.00
JUNE 6	2 DAYS	LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND	£179.00	SEPT 14	5 DAYS	THE LOVELY LAKES & DELIGHTFUL DALES	£299.00
JUNE 8	5 DAYS	THORESBY HALL, NOTTINGHAM ... WARNERS	£365.00	SEPT 14	5 DAYS	JERSEY	£315.00
JUNE 8	5 DAYS	TENBY & PEMBROKESHIRE	£295.00	SEPT 14	5 DAYS	GUERNSEY	£395.00
JUNE 10	8 DAYS	THE CAIRNGORMS, ROYAL DEESIDE & BALMORAL	£525.00	SEPT 18	3 DAYS	TENBY & PEMBROKESHIRE	£295.00
JUNE 12	5 DAYS	THE BEST OF HOLLAND	£369.00	SEPT 18	4 DAYS	MURDER MYSTERY WEEKEND ON THE SOUTH COAST	£149.00
JUNE 18	9 DAYS	SCOTLAND'S AGRICULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS	£599.00	SEPT 20	10 DAYS	HARROGATE AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW & YORK	£235.00
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JUNE 26	4 DAYS	ENTERTAINMENT BREAK IN TH ENGLISH RIVIERA	£139.00	SEPT 22	9 DAYS	LLANDUDNO, inc WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY	£345.00
JUNE 29	5 DAYS	CHESHIRE'S GOLDEN AGE	£335.00	SEPT 25	4 DAYS	SCOTLAND ... "THE BESTOF THE WEST"	£599.00
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JULY 10	10 DAYS	ITALY ... THE ELEGANT CHARM'S OF LAKE COMO	£775.00	OCT 4	9 DAYS	A TASTE OF TWO IRELANDS ... COASTS AND CASTLES	£535.00
JULY 13	5 DAYS	SCENIC SHROPSHIRE - CANAL BOATS & STEAM TRAINS	£325.00	OCT 5	5 DAYS	ISLE OF WIGHT	£295.00
JULY 19	5 DAYS	THE GARDENS OF IRELAND, THE WICKLOW MOUNTAINS	£345.00	OCT 5	5 DAYS	PEAKS & PUDDINGS	£335.00
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JULY 22	3 DAYS	THE ROYAL WELSH SHOW	£195.00	OCT 11	15 DAYS	OUR 2015 GRAND TOUR ... SICILY	£1595.00
JULY 25	8 DAYS	SCOTLAND ... THE HIGHLANDS & MALLAIG STEAM TRAIN	£525.00	OCT 11	5 DAYS	CHRISTIAN BASED TOUR -LAKES & DALES	£385.00
JULY 27	5 DAYS	KENT ... THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND	£335.00	OCT 15	5 DAYS	THE VERY BEST OF CORNWALL	£295.00
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AUG 2	6 DAYS	ISLE OF WIGHT	£375.00	OCT 23	4 DAYS	BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS	£195.00
AUG 3	5 DAYS	WEST WALES, CARDIGAN BAY	£325.00	OCT 23	2 DAYS	A MYSTERY WEEKEND	£139.00
AUG 7	4 DAYS	LIVERPOOL	£165.00	OCT 25	7 DAYS	BLACK FOREST - CHRYSANTHEMUM FESTIVAL	£385.00
AUG 9	8 DAYS	CASTLES, LAKES & PALACES OF BAVARIA	£575.00	OCT 30	3 DAYS	CORONATION STREET TOUR & BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS	£145.00
AUG 10	5 DAYS	CAMBRIDGE & ELY	£299.00	OCT 30	4 DAYS	EUROPEAN MYSTERY TOUR	£235.00
AUG 10	5 DAYS	LUDLOW - BLACK AND WHITE VILLAGES	£299.00	NOV 1	2 DAYS	5* LUXURY IN LONDON	£109.00

New for 2015... Departure points now include HONITON and OTTERY ST MARY

Diary Dates

SUNDAY APRIL 19TH (CONTINUED)

MERRIOTT: International Players Spring Classical Concert at All Saints Church. Refreshments 4.30pm, concert from 5pm. Tickets £7 from the village butchers Osborne Stores, the Crewkerne Information Centre, or 07870404631 or 01460 76360 (to reserve). Funds raised towards the Church Fabric Repair Fund.

CLAPTON: Breakfasts at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall, 8.30-11.30am. Full English or sausage/bacon/egg & mushroom rolls, tea/coffee, fruit juice. All welcome – come and enjoy a Sunday breakfast in a friendly atmosphere with a lovely view. Further information from 01460 75313 or 01460 74654.

AXMINSTER: Plant Fair raising funds for Plant Heritage at Burrow Farm (EX13 7ET). Coffee, snacks, cream teas and light lunches are available from Burrow Farm tea rooms, and the 10 acre gardens, clothed in spring flowers, are open for you to enjoy until 7pm. Entry to Plant Fair is £1 for non Plant Heritage members. Garden entry Adults £6 Children £1

MONDAY APRIL 20TH

AXMINSTER: Axminster Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall, doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

WINSHAM: Winsham Art Club meeting, 2-4pm. Non-members £6, members £5. Tutor is Carl Taylor, artist in watercolour and acrylics. For more details call 01460 30835.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness April Meeting. Guest Speaker Emma Leverton on 'Palmistry' At the Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel, Crewkerne, 7pm-9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Light Refreshments) Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 351019.

CREWKERNE: Bridge for beginners, 2-4pm at Henhayes Centre. For more details call 01460 74340 if you would like to attend.

SOUTH PERROTT: Art Class, every Monday. At South Perrrott Village Hall, beginners welcome. 2pm-4pm. £10 each.

TUESDAY APRIL 21ST

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £1 per session. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at George Reynolds Sports Centre. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. In aid of A.T. Society.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22ND

AXMINSTER: Carers Cooking Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) 2.30-4pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations covering nutritional advice and cooking hints and tips to help make your life easier as a carer. At the HALFF Food Hub, South Street, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk.

UPLYME: Uplyme & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society talk on British Owls, their natural history and practical conservation by the well known expert Chris Sperring, who will be bringing live owls along to show. At Uplyme Village Hall, 7.30pm. Members attend free, non-members £3 – there will be tea and cakes before and afterwards. For more details visit www.ulrhs.wordpress.com, or call 01297 444034.

ILMINSTER: The Heritage of the Ile will hold their AGM at The Shrubbery Hotel in Ilminster at 7.30pm. Liz Grant will speak on the Somerset Light Infantry and Army records.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre. Cash prizes. Eyes down at 2.30pm

THURSDAY APRIL 23RD

CREWKERNE: Folk Dancing at St. Bartholomew's Church hall, Abbey St. Crewkerne. Every Thursday 8 to 10 pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call 01460 77320 / 72505

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and costs £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non-members.

FRIDAY APRIL 24TH

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SIDMOUTH: Ballroom & Sequence dancing at Stowford Centre (opposite Waitrose) with the Dancing Duo, from 8-11pm. £6. More details call 01803 325905.

COLYFORD: National Trust Axe Valley Centre Spring Fair at Colyford Memorial Hall 10.30-1.00pm. There will be for sale Cakes & produce, books, bric-a-brac, craft & plant stall, Raffle and Sidmouth National Trust Shop. Admission £1. (Including tea/coffee and biscuit)

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 29TH

SEATON: Seaton and District Men's Probus Club meeting at St. Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford Road, Seaton at 10.00am when the speaker will be Molly Bond on 'Things You Probably Never Knew About The Titanic'. New members welcome (Keith West on 01297 624374).

TATWORTH: Free Talk & Tea "Childhood reflections of rural Somerset". At Tatworth Memorial Hall, 2pm. Organised by T&F Active Living. For more details call 01460 220198 or 01460 220339.

THURSDAY APRIL 30TH

COLYTON: Walking discovery of Colyton. £3 per person (under 16s free). Booking not required. An easy stroll lasting about an hour offering a chance to look and discover lots about Colyton. From 2pm at the town car park, regardless of weather.

CREWKERNE: Folk Dancing at St. Bartholomew's Church hall, Abbey St. Crewkerne. Every Thursday 8 to 10 pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call 01460 77320 / 72505

FENITON: Feniton History Group talk on Boundaries at St Andrew's Church, 7.30pm. Chris Wakefield of Ottery Heritage Society will be the speaker. Admission £3.00 to include Coffee and Biscuits.

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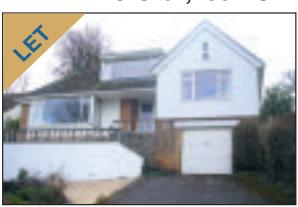
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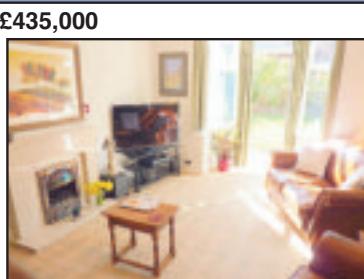
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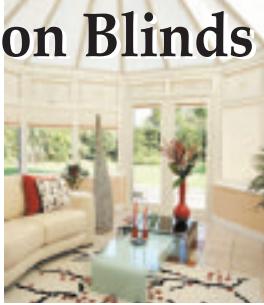
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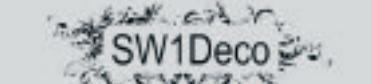
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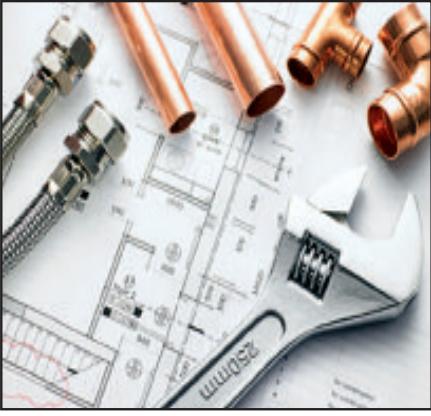
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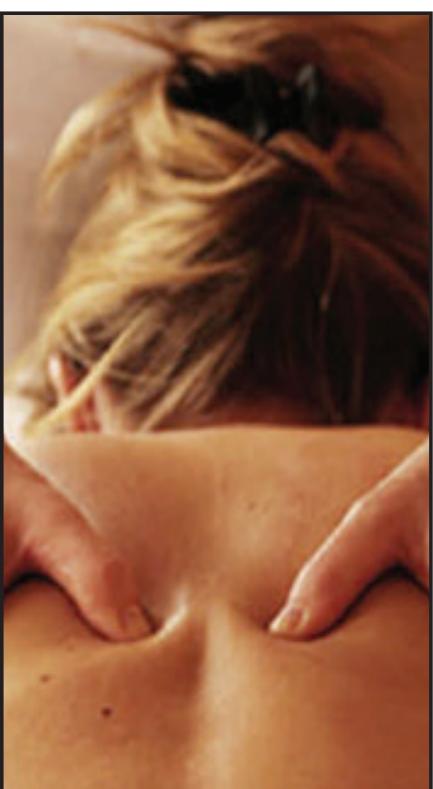
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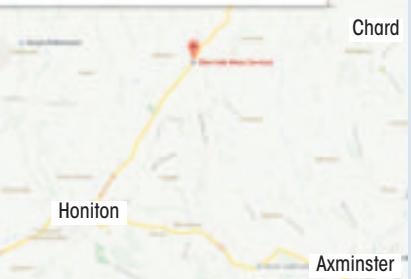
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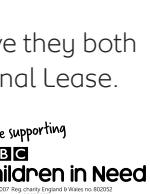
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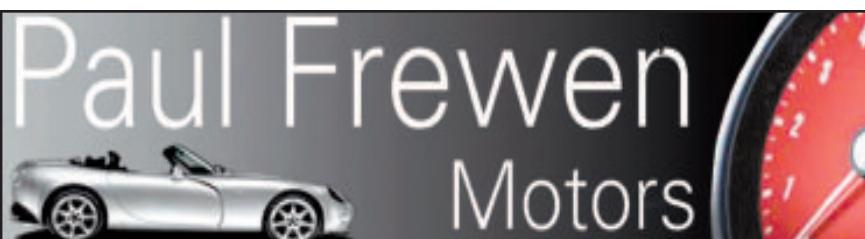


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Citroën's Take On The Suv: Intense & Optimistic

The Citroën Aircross concept conveys a sense of power and determination. The body is set on large wheels with 275/42 R 22 tyres. The tyres were designed exclusively for Citroën Aircross by Continental and feature large tread blocks and a unique pattern for excellent traction on the most demanding surfaces. The striking design of the wheels highlights the all-terrain abilities of the Citroën Aircross.

With its parallel-to-the-road waistline, the new Citroën Aircross conveys an air of confidence, but without the feeling of arrogance or aggression.

The front and rear bumpers fully convey Citroën's design identity. The front end features a new chevron design and a two-tier light signature, which first appeared on the latest-generation C4 Picasso. At the rear, the new 3D-effect lights have a high-tech and emphatically graphic appearance. These classic Citroën design touches are rounded out by a floating roof and uninterrupted area of glass right around the cabin.

Harnessing Design For Enhanced Functionality

The body of the Citroën Aircross is punctuated by strong graphic components designed to enhance functionality. Citroën has developed a fresh take on the Airbump® technology of C4 Cactus, adapting it to SUV requirements. Whilst Airbump® technology is designed to protect the car's body from everyday bumps and scrapes, the 'Alloy Bumps' on the Citroën Aircross are there to protect the vehicle from lateral impact with their visible padding. The 'Alloy Bumps' are made using a highly absorbent aluminium honeycomb structure, which was first used in motorsport, and combines protection, lightness and style. The 'Alloy Bumps' are an innovative and fitting solution for the SUV segment.

The graphic components also highlight the search for enhanced aerodynamics, on bodywork that has already been optimised for efficient air penetration. The 'Air Signs' are chrome-finished signatures that surround each rear window to form an air-flow tunnel. In addition, 'Air Curtains' are air intakes located at the front of the concept car. These

two features are accompanied by front and rear wheel arch extractors and the highly tapered shapes of the door mirrors. Together these components improve the overall aerodynamics of the Citroën Aircross while enhancing its design.

The 'Air Signs' play a two-fold role, improving aerodynamics while highlighting the importance of the second row of seats. With the Citroën Aircross, particular importance has been placed on the passengers and the interior. This is an SUV for sharing.

Strong & Positive Bodywork

The Citroën Aircross concept features intense orange-red body paint, signifying optimism and open-mindedness. The colour elicits anything but indifference and underscores the lines and shapes of the vehicle. To ensure continuity between the exterior and the interior, the colour perfectly matches the cabin colour scheme.

The orange-red hue is punctuated by solid metal elements on the base of the wing mirrors, grille, 'Air Signs' and towing hooks. These raw and authentic components lend an air of assurance and robustness to Citroën Aircross, confirming its SUV nature.

Combining Efficiency & Top-Level Performance

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Welton Rovers		37	41	85	85
Wincanton Town		38	25	70	70
Almondsbury UWE		38	13	68	68
Ashton & Backwell		40	19	65	65
Wellington		38	6	62	62
Corsham Town		40	12	61	61
CHARD TOWN		39	1	61	61
Cheddar		38	8	57	57
Radstock Town		42	0	55	55
Chippenham Park		40	7	54	54
Calne Town		41	-22	50	50
Hengrove Athletic		38	4	49	49
Oldland Abbottsians		38	-15	48	48
Keynsham Town		41	-47	41	41
Warminster Town		38	-10	40	40
Devizes Town		39	-20	39	39
Wells City		41	-21	37	37
Roman Glass St George		40	-35	34	34
Portishead Town		40	-49	26	26
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Local football round-up

Dominant Tigers eyeing impressive treble

Exciting division three promotion race set to go down to the wire

MIDWEEK ROUND-UP

Monday, April 7th

Drimpton Reserves 2

Merrriott Rovers 5

TWO of the PSDL's two 'newest' teams went toe-to-toe at Misterton on Easter Monday morning with the Reg Eglon Cup at stake.

Merrriott of course have long and rich history in the league, but they were forced to reapply for entry at the AGM last June having folded for a year due to the delay in changing facilities at their Recreation Ground.

But they are back with a bang having won 21 games on the trot, all be it in Division Four, and they continued the run to defeat Drimpton Reserves.

Rovers, who led all the way, were in control at 3-1 at half-time and cruise to victory despite a battling performance from Drimpton side who themselves came into the game in good end of season form and unbeaten in five.

Josh Thomason (2), Sam Rowswell, Barry Willis and Dan Rudge scored for Rovers with Adam Tanner and player-manager Jason Mallett replying.

Tuesday, April 7th

Division Four

Chard Rangers Res 1 Combe B 5

GOALS from Neil Reid (2), Richard Curwood, Graham Cleal – his 20th of the season – and Shane Scott saw Combe maintain their push for a return to Division Three after an absence of six years.

Wednesday, April 6th

PSDL DIVISION TWO

Crewkerne Rangers 6 Charmouth 1
IT'S been feared at Barrs Lane for a while now but Charmouth were assured of a bottom two finish and, depending on a possible league reshuffle, relegation down into Division Three for the first time in 16 years after a midweek caning at Wadham School.

Jack Male (2), Aaron Hole (2), Andy Loveless and Og made up the hosts' half dozen while Jake Reeve bagged the Robins' consolation.

Uplyme 6 Crewkerne Town Res 1
MOVING in opposite direction are Uplyme who made it six points in four days to cruise into midtable.

"Our best result of the season," was Swallows' manager Steve Gillan's assessment of the 6-1 win over Crewkerne Town Reserves who's hopes of catching Thorncombe for the runners-up spot took a blow.

Ryan Prendeville (2), Dan Boot (2), Tom Gollop and an Og saw Uplyme home with Kieran Adams replying.

THURSDAY, April 9th

Division Three

Chard Rangers 6 Chard Utd Res 3

CHARD Rangers continued their fine form in the second-half of the season to move up to third spot and claim the Jocelyn Park bragging rights with a 6-3 win over fellow tenants Chard United Reserves.

The Rangers led 2-0 at half time through MoM Max Patch and Alan Mansell.

Patch bagged another second after the restart but United responded well and a double from

Steve Barnes made it 3-2.

But Rangers weren't to be denied and further strikes from Matt Gaylard (2, 1pen) and Matt Gaylard made the points safe despite Barnes completing a hat-trick for United whose third defeat on the spin may well have cost them a place in Division Two next season.

Saturday, April 11th

DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP

MERRIOTT Rovers belied their Division Four status, albeit Champions, to beat Division Three promotion chasers Hawkchurch United 4-0 on their own turf and book a place in the Final.

Mark Tweedie (2), Ash Cooper and Dan Rudge scored for the Rovers who will meet either Thorncombe or Crewkerne Rangers in May 8th showpiece game at Perry Street.

Thorncombe beat newly crowned Division Two champions Drimpton 4-2 in the weekend's backlogged quarter-final.

John Allen was the star of the show with a superb hat-trick while Bryan Garrett netted the other for the Thorns.

Murray Legg and Paul Richards were on target for the hosts who lost on their sloping pitch for the first time in over a year.

PREMIER

Beaminster 1 Shepton Beau 4

BEAMINSTER came into Saturday's game at the Memorial Ground with a bare 11 players while Shepton were missing four key members.

But the visitors kept alive their hopes of a runners-up place with goals from Dan Smith (2), Judd Sweet – a fine 20-yard shot – and Sam Hodgkinson.

Josh Baker, on target for the fourth game in row, scored the Rainbows' consolation.

Combe Res 0 Crewkerne Town 3

CREWERNE Town duly secured their 14th Premier Division title on the Slades Cross Slope.

The first half was goal less until injury time when Pete Symes broke the deadlock, turning home Jonny Manley's cross which had looped over Combe keeper Chris Scott.

Symes struck again after the turnaround to seal the win and Liam Riste rounded things off with a precise finish from an acute angle.

The Tigers, recently crowned Challenge Cup winners, are now just three wins away from a remarkable 100 per cent league record and have a Somerset Junior Cup Final against either Pen Mill or Milborne Port on the horizon.

Misterton 2 Lyme Regis Res 7

LYME Regis Reserves said farewell to the PSDL with plenty of smiles and a win over a Misterton side who joined in with the end-of-season good spirits.

The Seasiders decided their playing positions by pulling names out of a hat.

This gave a rare start to player-manager Gerard Hitchcock who scored his 145th league goal from the penalty spot before limping over and taking the gloves off 'keeper' Ally Rattenbury in the second-half.

Rattenbury also got on the score-

sheet as did Mark Batey (2), Cameron Fowler (2) and Alex Rowe as Lyme completed their campaign in eighth position.

Chaz Warren and Stuart Coles netted for the hosts.

DIVISION ONE

A PRICELESS three points from a 3-2 win at Chard United have taken Pymore to one win from safety with two games remaining.

The visitors took the lead after just two minutes courtesy of a neat finish from striker Adam Cody-Boutcher.

But Chard stormed down the Jocelyn Park slope and Jamie Brown deservedly levelled before the break.

The hosts took the lead through Tom Newport and things looked bleak for Pymore.

But, knowing only a win would really help their cause, the west Dorset side threw caution to the wind and struck back when Rob Wayland's shot was turned into his own net by a defender.

A carbon-copy result followed just five minutes later with another unfortunate United player diverting another Wayland cross into the net.

Relieved Pymore manager Stuart Hedditch said afterwards: "I would like to thank every player for their efforts today, they were under huge pressure to get a win against a decent Chard side."

"Dear Obstacles Fred Parsons and Adam Cody-Boutcher had excellent games but my MoM was Rob Wayland."

Netherbury suffered a hangover from their magnificent Dorset Junior Cup Final victory, just 48 hours previously, and subsequently their promotion hopes were hit by a surprise defeat by beleaguered Forton Rangers.

Andy Stevenson scored his 17th and 18th goals of the season for Rangers who could yet claim fifth spot despite a difficult campaign.

Meanwhile, Barrington remain on course for a near-faultless season with a crushing 7-1 win over Winsham United who may well now miss out promotion back to the Premier.

Goals from strike twins Guy Dare and Andy Whitefield had Barrington 2-0 in front at the interval.

Both struck again after the turnaround with Dare going on to complete his hat-trick before Tom Perry chipped in with number seven.

Ben Smith scored for Winsham who will hope for better when the teams meet again in the Arthur Gage Cup Final next month.

DIVISION TWO

UPLYME manager Steve Gillan had words of praise for opponents Ilminster Town A after they were mauled 13-0 by the Swallows for the second time this season.

"I really felt for them. They try and play football with no nastiness – I hope they can build again for next season."

Uplyme led 4-0 at half-time and went on to record their biggest win since Haselbury were thrashed 13-1 some 10 seasons ago.

Four-goal MoM Dan Boot moved to the top of the team's goal scoring chart with 14 with the other goals coming from Ryan Prendeville (3),

Tom Gollop (2), Niall Fifer, Jon Davies, Will Francis and an OG.

Charmouth's midweek defeat meant Beaminster Reserves entertained Crewkerne Reserves knowing their Division Two status was safe.

But manager Ian Butcher was nonetheless disappointed to see his side slip to defeat. "We hit the woodwork three times and had two good penalty shouts turned down," said Butcher.

Gary Corry put the hosts ahead only for Aaron Hodges to equalise before half-time and then put the Tigers ahead.

Kieran Hawkins grabbed a levelled for the Rainbows but Paul Gold snatched the winner for Crewkerne. Centre-back Billy Browning was Butcher's choice as his MoM.

DIVISION THREE

GOALS from Wes King (2), Chris Butler, Steve Burke and Chris Lang kept Barrington Reserves on course for promotion, and earned the local-derby bragging rights, after a 5-0 win over neighbours Dowlish & Donyatt.

At the other end of the table Merrriott Dynamos did their survival hopes a power of good with a 4-0 win over outgoing Millwey Rise Reserves who are set to be plying their trade in the Devon & Exeter League next season.

Barry Hayne, Alex Manley, Ash Larcombe and Kieran Bailey scored for the Dynamos.

Merrriott's win, allied to a 2-1 defeat at South Petherton Reserves, has left Shepton Beauchamp Reserves peering over the relegation trapdoor.

Goals from Tom Case and Jimmy Rees put the hosts in control before Josh Fade pulled one back for Shepton.

DIVISION FOUR

GOALS from Craig Coles and Todd Lewendon saw Uplyme Reserves finally draw a line under a hideous 11-game losing run with a 2-2 draw at Chard Rangers Reserves. Andrew Griffin and Rich Foote netted for the Rangers.

Up at the top Combe B moved to within a point of promotion with a 6-2 win over rivals Hinton.

A dominant first half put Combe in control and although Danny Baker and Dan Coles reduced the arrears, Hinton, who were hindered by an ankle injury to player-manager Ross Jewell, couldn't turn things around.

"With Ken Forbes injured, once I went off we had no recognised striker," said Jewell.

Neil Reid (2), Graham Cleal (2), Rich Curwood and Ross Fanyinka scored for the hosts.

Darren Kosmalski, Brad Davies and Tom Woodhouse were on the score sheet as Chard United Allstars were edged out 5-4 in a thriller at Farway Reserves.

Finally, goals from Paul Stuart and Aaron Grinter – an astonishing 50 yarder – keeps Winsham United on course for a third placed finish after a 2-0 win at Crewkerne Rangers Reserves.

MIDWEEK RESULTS

Monday, April 6th

REG EGLON CUP FINAL

Drimpton Res 2 Merrriott Rovers 5 (at Misterton)

Tuesday, April 7th

DIVISION FOUR

Chard Rangers Res 1 Combe B 5

Wednesday, April 8th

DIVISION TWO

Crewkerne Rangers 6 Charmouth 1 Uplyme 6 Crewkerne Town Res 1

Thursday, April 9th

DORSET JUNIOR CUP FINAL

Netherbury 2 Wool & Winfrith 1 (aet) (at Bridport)

DIVISION THREE

Chard Rangers 6 Chard Utd Res 3

Saturday, April 11th

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP SF

Hawkchurch Utd (Div 3) 0 Merrriott Rovers (D4) 4

Drimpton (D2) 2 Thorncombe (D2) 4

PREMIER

Beaminster 1 Shepton Beau 4

Combe Res 0 Crewkerne Town 3

Misterton 2 Lyme Regis Res 7

DIVISION ONE

Chard Utd 2 Pymore 3

Lyme Bantams 2 Farway Utd 1

Netherbury 1 Forton Rangers 2

Winstan Utd 1 Barrington 7

DIVISION TWO

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Chard Rangers Res 2 Uplyme Res 2

Crewkerne Rangers Res 0 Winstan Utd Res 2

Farway Utd Res 5 Chard Utd Allstars 4

FIXTURES

(Midweek games all 6.15ko)

TONIGHT (Tuesday)

DIVISION TWO

Crewkerne Res v Crewkerne Rangers

Uplyme v Thorncombe

Waytown Hounds v Drimpton

Charmouth v Beaminster

DIVISION THREE

Millwey Rise Res v Hawkchurch Utd

TOMORROW

PREMIER

Crewkerne v South Petherton

DIVISION ONE

Pymore v Farway United

Barrington v Chard Utd

DIVISION FOUR

Chard Rangers Res v Chard Utd Allstars

Drimpton Res v Combe B

SATURDAY, April 18th

(Cup games 2pm League 2.30ko)

JACK VENN CUP SF

Drimpton v Crewkerne Rangers

Waytown Hounds v Thorncombe

PREMIER

Beaminster v Crewkerne

Perry Street v Misterton

DIVISION ONE

Forton Rangers v Farway Utd

Millwey Rise v Netherbury

DIVISION THREE

Barrington Res v Kingsbury

Dowlish & Donyatt v Hawkchurch Utd

Merrriott Dyn v Shepton Beau Res

Thorncombe Res v South Peth Res

DIVISION FOUR

Barrington Res v Kingsbury

Dowlish & Donyatt v Hawkchurch Utd

Thorncombe Res v South Peth Res

DIVISION FOUR

Crewkerne Res v Uplyme Res

Farway Utd Res v Merrriott Rovers

Winstan Utd Res v Hinton

bowls round-up

Open day at Dunkeswell

DUNKESWELL Bowling Club are holding an open day on **Bank Holiday Monday, May 4th** from 1.30 to 4.30pm in the Throgmorton Hall.

The club's coaches will be on hand to offer help and advice to prospective new members, or bowlers who feel they would like a change from grass to synthetic surface.

All that is required to bring is a flat pair of shoes or slippers. A selection of bowls will be available to practice with and possibly buy. Refreshments will also be available.

For any further details contact DBC Captain Tom Williams on 01404891799.

CHARD with Sandra Sumpter

SINCE my last report both Chard teams have played away at HEMYOCK in the East Devon Short Mat League with varying degrees of success.

The floor contours at Hemyock make this another challenging venue for away teams. Chard A just couldn't adjust and lost all eight games and by a huge margin of 16 points to 101.

Chard B did better. They still lost by two games to six but the points difference was rather more respectable at 36 to 64.

Chard A played their final match in the East Devon League at home against Chard St Nicholas. They really wanted a win as so far this season they have only managed draws. Sadly it was not to be. They fought hard and managed a very close 4-4 draw.

The points were equally close with Chard A just missing out by 54-55.

Open day

If you are at a lose end on Sunday you may like to try your hand at bowls. Chard are having their annual open day where you can pop in and try either Lawn Green or Short Mat Bowls - or maybe even both.

All you need are flat shoes, bowls will be available. The event kicks off at 10am and continues until 4pm with drinks and snacks available (bar open).

Please do come and see us at Bonds Meadow and find out what a fascinating game this can be.

cribbage round-up

HONITON

Knock Out Cup Semi-Final - April 9th

Blacksmith Arms 3 London Inn 5, Workmgmens

B 3 Feniton Soc B 5.

Fixtures: Knock Out Cup Semi-Final April 16th

Feniton Soc B v Workmgmens B, London Inn v Blacksmith Arms.

Dan Down Trophy

Quarter-Final April 9th

Feniton Soc A 10 Thirsty Farmer 14, New Fountain

11 Workmgmens A 13, Vine Inn A 9 Honiton Inn B 15, Vine Inn B 16 Honiton Inn A 8.

Fixtures: Dan Down Trophy Semi-Final April 16th Honiton Inn B v Workmgmens A, Thirsty Farmer v Vine Inn B.

Doubles Competition

April 23rd At London Inn, Ottery St Mary 7.30 pm start please.

darts round-up

Axminster Summer League

AGM - Thursday, April 23rd at 8pm at Axminster Conservative Club

Anyone wishing to enter a team, stand as an officer of the league, or propose a rule change should attend the meet-

ing. If you wish to enter a team but cannot attend the meeting you can enter before the meeting via the league website on www.axminstersummer.laguepublic.com or Call Esther on 07821007398 or Email at ebulmer@hotmail.co.uk

Entries for the league cannot be accepted after the meeting.

canoeing axe vale

AXE Vale Canoe Club Seaton Are Running three 'Go Canoeing' taster sessions, the sessions are for young people and adults interested in trying out canoeing.

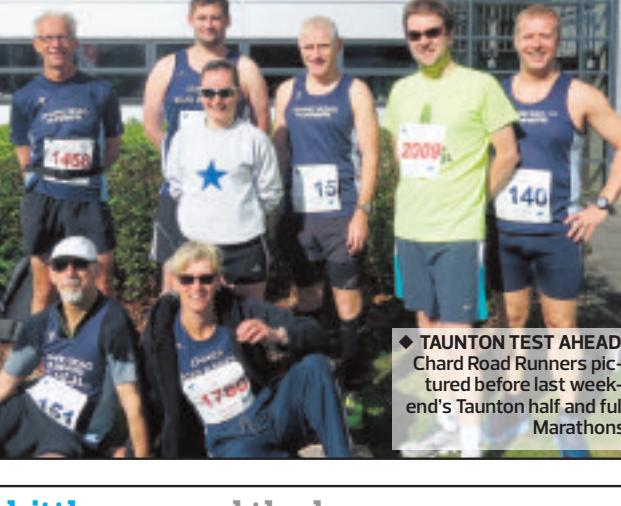
All participants must be able to swim 50 mtrs. Minimum age is 11 years old - why not come along and have a go!

Dates for sessions are; Friday (April 17th), Thursday, April 30th and Thursday, May 14th.

Please phone Chris Robins on 07501973648 for more information and also there is an information leaflet on Axe Vale Canoe Club's web site www.axevalecc.co.uk



◆ PLEASED TO HELP: Merriott SMBC hosted a friendly against South Petherton on April 8th. It proved to be an enjoyable but strongly competitive match with Merriott using home advantage to win by 3 games to 1. A raffle was held with all proceeds being donated to RNLI. A collection was also taken on the night and Frank Smith (right) from Merriott SMBC presented a cheque for £90 to Martin Newbury from RNLI.



◆ TAUNTON TEST AHEAD: Chard Road Runners pictured before last weekend's Taunton half and full Marathons

skittles around the leagues

COLYTON LEAGUE

KO Cup Final result, Red

Lion A 394 (C Miller 57)

Ship C 270 (R Gush 54);

The Tony Hawkins Memorial Knocked-Out Cup

final result, Three Tuns

Hammers 390 (B Spiller

76) Beer Vikings 352 (A

Parkhouse 64);

Mike Hussey Memorial

Pairs, Qualifying rounds,

(top 2 to final on 1st May at

Honiton Conservative club

8.00pm).

Heathfield Group, Sidbury Stones 96 (John

Woodfield & Paul Barham),

Honiton Con 93 (Sam

Tratt & Kelvin Vaughan),

Three Tuns Hammers 91,

Honiton Con Artists 87,

Sidbury Lions 87, Honiton

Converts 86, Volunteer A

84, Vine B 80, Honiton Con

BTP 76 Honiton WMC B

60; Sidbury Social club

group, Honiton Con A 99

(Marty Richards & Frank

Crabb), Heathfield B 97

(Eileen Glaeser & Malcolm

Glaeser), Vine A 92, Honiton

Con B 91, Eagle Tavern

90, Rising Sun B 86,

Cloakham Group, New

Inn A 101 (Gary Smith &

Richard Webb), Red Lion A

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14 against New Inn B 90

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Axminster Con A 75, Red

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Joslin & Bernie Webber),

Winstons A 80, Beer B 79,

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White Hart Group, Col-

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Adkin & Simon Bartlett),

Beer Albion 90 (Ginger

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Kings Arms A 87, Beer C

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81, Beer Vikings 81;

Offwell club Group,

Kingfisher B 114 (Ben

Dowell & Andy Hurford),

Colcombe A 114 (Rodney

Parsons & Brian Pike),

Cloakham B 106,

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short-mat bowls axe valley

Evening Div 1	P	SD	Pts	Awlcombe10	95	12
Awlcombe13	344	20	Upottery11	88	12
Beer	.....13	141	16	Seaton Cliff B	.....11	132	8
Sidbury	.....13	10	13	Sidford	.....10	144	8
Seaton Cliff	.....13	120	13	Seaton Cliff D	.....12	270	6
Colyton	.....13	65	12				
Upottery	.....13	74	11				
Musbury	.....12	60	10				
Sidford	.....12	306	7				
Evening Div 2	P	SD	Pts	Afternoon Div 2	P	SD	Pts
West Hill	.....13	204	22	St Teresa's	.....11	199	15
Ottery St Mary	.....13	60	14	Hemyock	.....11	179	13
Sidbury Whites	.....13	103	13	Chard B	.....11	146	13
Membray	.....13	108	13	Lyme Regis	.....11	53	12
Sidbury Reds	.....13	23	11	Musbury	.....11	47	11
Awlcombe B	.....13	37	11	Combe St Nich A	.....10	186	6
Uffculme	.....13	88	10	Seaton Cliff A	.....11	238	6
Colyton B	.....13	111	10				
Afternoon Div 1	P	SD	Pts	Afternoon Div 3	P	SD	Pts
Beer	.....11	237	15	Hemyock B	.....9	184	13
Colyton	.....11	126	15	Ottery St Mary	.....9	172	13
				Colyton B	.....9	15	9
				Seaton Cliff C	.....9	4	9
				Combe St Nic B	.....9	76	8
				Chard A	.....9	291	2

youth football round-up**MILLWEY RISE****Under 9s Exeter & District Youth League**

Millwey Rise 2 (Kayla Froom & Louis Newcombe) Cullompton Rangers 1.

Friendly

Millwey Rise 4 (Callum Clark 2, Owen Dibling & Louis Newcombe) Cullompton Rangers 2.

Under 10s Friendlies

Millwey Rise 8 (Ben Fox 2, Jacob England 2, Ethan Underhill 2, Nathaniel Giles-Jones & Dylan Larcombe) Tiverton Town 0.

Millwey Rise 8 (Dylan Bebbington 2, Ben Fox 2, Ethan Underhill 2, Jacob England & Nathaniel Giles-Jones) Colyton Rebels 0.

golf axe cliff**Battling performances**

DURING the last week the Axe Seniors programme of friendly matches began in earnest with home matches against Long Sutton and Cricket St Thomas writes Rob Grove.

The results were close with the Long Sutton game, in particular, being decided on which team coped best with the last two holes. An honourable draw was probably a fair result at the end of the day.

There were wins for Rob Grove & Leighton Morgan and Chris Jowett & Peter Knighting. Two pairs, Gilbert Cox & Bill Polley and Gerry Turner & Jack Bannister each achieved a half.

The match against Cricket St Thomas went even better as the Axe Cliff team recorded their first victory of the year by 3 1/2 to 2 1/2.

There were good wins by the Captain for the day Chris Walker and his partner John Hanna, Phil Wilkins & Pete Motson and Malcolm Reynolds & Gilbert Cox. Alan Vincent & John Mant gained the 1/2 point.

In their first round Emerton Court Match against Downes Crediton the Seniors achieved a commendable draw with 2/12 matches each.

So it all to play for in the return leg at the end of the month. There were wins for Tony Strong & Stuart Mackie and Geoff Wake & Chris Jowett. The half was achieved by Phil Wilkins & Rob Heard.

The whole club celebrated Easter Monday with a 3 Ball Team Stableford competition organised by the Social Committee.

Eggciting competition!

With a host of prizes in the form of Easter Eggs and members allowed to play off their full handicap in whichever combination of players they wished, it was going to prove a closely contested competition.

There were a variety of scores with the outstanding 82 points by Glenda Board, Bill Polley and Mike Cottam just being eclipsed by the 84 of Simon Wellington, Steve Bond and Jin Hong.

The Ladies recently played their County Prize 3 competition with Jo Domnall beating Barbara Cummings into first place and Janet Dack coming third.

The 'Bring and Win' competition in which everyone has a prize saw Pauline Willis outstrip the rest of the field with Glenda Board beating Margaret Kenchington into second position.

The Men's Easter Bowl was won by Dougy Board with a net 66. In second place on countback was Anthony Hellier from Mike Cottam.

There were five 2s, with Mike and Dougy picking up two each and Jason Farrant the other.

rugby news**Dramatic tie at Honiton - Chard in points fest!****OLD CENTRALIANS 64 CHARD 41**

National League Three (south west)

by Glyn Hughes

WHAT a game! Centralians, who are one of the strongest teams in the league, were under the cosh for most of the first half in this crazy game and afterwards described Chard as having 'as good a set of forwards as they have faced over the whole campaign'.

Not for the first time this was a contest between the Chard pack and the opposition backs.

A tactical switch at half time resulted in Centralians keeping the ball as far away from the Chard forwards as possible paid off handsomely for the home side as they turned a half time deficit of 21-36 into a 64-41 win to end their home programme having lost only one match on their own turf.

Chard went in front after five minutes when player-coach Simon Jenkins drove over from a lineout for an unconverted try.

However, the home backs looked dangerous and by the time 15 minutes were up they had scored two converted tries to lead 14-5.

Chard were then awarded a penalty and, having successfully kicked to the corner, they destroyed the Centralians lineout defence and Gab Riley went over for a converted try.

Back came the hosts, and another fine backs movement cut through the Chard defence for a third converted try.

Skipper Mark Parsons, once again leading by example, got a third try for Chard to reduce the arrears to two points.

They then totally dominated the last ten minutes before the interval with initially Ben Johnson and Ryan Hellier setting up Paul Mortensen for their fourth try.

This was soon followed by prop Luke Aplin scoring try number five and, right on the half time whistle, Aplin drove over for the number six for Chard who, against all

the odds deservedly led the hosts by 21-36 at the break.

This was clearly not in the script for Centralians who changed their method of play entirely in the second half.

They played 15-man attacking rugby with everybody throwing the ball out as wide as possible.

In effect they did everything possible to avoid any forward confrontation of any kind because they had been outplayed in scrum, lineout and in the loose.

The tactics worked to perfection and with Chard also missing touch on several occasions which gifted the ball back to them Centralians looked a completely different outfit and scored seven tries in the second half.

Jenkins got another try for Chard which took them over the 40-point mark but injuries to the likes of Johnson, Nick Hyslop, Riley and Jason Wright hindered Chard and the home side showed exactly why they are where they are.

Chard once again could not be criticised for effort and commitment and contributed massively to a highly entertaining game.

There can be few if any occasions when Chard have scored seven tries and over 40 points and ended up with nothing other than just a bonus point for the number of tries scored!

Chard play their final league match of the season in National Three next Saturday when they entertain Cheltenham-based Patesians in a game that supporters should please note will start at 2pm and not 3pm.

There is a former players lunch prior to the game meeting at the club by 12.30pm with lunch at 1pm - any one who has not done so should contact Mike Berry on 07855464412 or Glyn Hughes on 0747191074 to confirm their place.

Chard 2nd XV lost 18-27 at home to Bristol Barbarians 1st XV on Saturday and play

their final Somerset Division One game at Keynsham next weekend.

The scheduled 3rd XV game at Crewkerne was called off the hosts on Friday evening.

HONITON 22 WITHYCOMBE 22

Tribute Cornwall / Devon

by Roger Dance

ON Saturday Honiton played their penultimate game of the season and with the visit of near neighbours Withycombe.

The visitors had had a very successful campaign this season but might be forgiven for being a little 'miffed' as they narrowly missed out on promotion and got knocked out of the national cup last week at the semi-final stage.

So without doubt on paper they were the clear favorites as it was 3rd place playing 10th and with nothing really at stake it could have been a non-event, but pride is a big motivator and in front of a healthy crowd this turned out to be an entertaining game.

Honiton kicked off up the Allhallows slope but did have first use of a keen wind. They had the lions share of possession in the early encounters and on the ten minute mark prop Will Goulden finished off a good set of phases with to crash over the line and Ben Webber added the extras.

The visitors' successful season is not without reason and they bounced back with a well taken try and then scored again out wide.

Honiton held strong with some good defensive patterns and weathered the storm using the wind well. Webber slotted two penalties and Honiton turned round 13-12 to the good.

The game continued in the same tempo after the break but with use of the wind Withycombe kicked for position well and scored another converted try and were in the driving seat.

Honiton did however have a clear advan-

tage in the scrum and this told as it helped them with a good supply of possession.

But it wasn't all plain sailing as the visitors seemed to get help out by the referee who kept penalising Honiton's front row and relieving the pressure. But the dark art of front row play is a mystery to most so decisions were just accepted.

Both sides then exchanged penalties and Withycombe led 22-15. Honiton continued to apply pressure and went close on several occasions. The visitors case was also not helped when a red card was shown for a second tip tackle offence with 10 minutes to go.

Webber clearly had his kicking boots on as he knocked over another penalty against the wind but, just when it was felt the endeavour had all been in vain, he stepped up and knocked over another kick and the scores were level.

Missed late kick

With two minutes to play Honiton won the kick off and immediately made head-roads to the half way line before, to the dismay of the crowd, conceding a penalty. But this drifted narrowly wide and honours were shared at 22-22.

Maybe for Withycombe it was a case of a 'After the Lord Mayors show' sort of game as they didn't fire on all cylinders, but for Honiton it was a good team performance against stiff opposition and the team dug deep to gain a share of the spoils.

The pack did well, especially the front row crews. There were some big defensive plays by all the Lacemen - typified by Josh Rice's bone-crunching dead stopping of the winger which really made the crowd

Next Saturday is Honiton's final game as they entertain basement team Looe & Liskeard. It's sure to be a good day as skipper Nick Gilbert lets go of the reigns after a three year stint at the helm - I'm sure he'd love to see a big crowd send him off in style!

running news**Iconic Grizzly Run goes from strength to strength****AXE VALLEY RUNNERS**

with Dave Mutter

ONCE a month in deep in darkest Umberore seven furtive figures gathered plotting and planning the Grizzly for nearly five hours each time.

All this work paid off handsomely with the Grizzly once again a fantastic success with nearly 2,000 runners and families having a great time.

The Grizzly could not be put on without the co-operation of 22 marshal groups supplying over 200 marshals and nine water station groups plus coastguards, firemen, scouts, landowners, massage and many more.

As a result of the run once again AVR were able to donate a massive £32,000 to two main charities and all the supporting groups, with the two main charities this year - Devon Freewheelers (a new blood bike is to be based in Seaton) and The South West Coast Path Association receiving £2,000 each.

The donations were presented in a well-attended evening at Winston's, Seaton last Friday and as each donation was presented, the audience learnt about the many diverse charities that the Grizzly supports - from Gardens to Village Halls, running clubs and football clubs, MS Society to Children's Hospice and Bicton Overseas Agricultural Trust.

Since 1997 the amount AVR has donated to charities various as the result of the Grizzly is now a staggering £337,000.

Throughout its history many people have served on the committee so many thanks to this year's group of Dave Thomas - race director, Debbie Barry, Phil Bayliss, Mark Hilder, Tim Sibley and Rick and Eleanor Wood, with help from a few more AVR's.

Unfortunately Mark will not be able to carry on and he was presented with an award for all his hard work over the past years. Thanks also go to Winston's for allowing us to take over their function room for the evening.



◆ **THANK YOU:** Local organisations with their cheques from this year's Grizzly run which raised a total of £32,000.

In a couple of months those meetings will start again and AVR will be as dependent as ever on the help and goodwill of all the local folk for next year's event that will be on **Sunday, March 13th**.

HONITON with Judy Davey

LAST Sunday, Honiton runners took to the task of running the Taunton Half Marathon - an interesting route that started and finished at the Taunton College.

The route went through the heart of the city with lots of people lining the streets and shouting support, then out along country lanes, through small picturesque villages before returning along the main Wellington road into Taunton with a cheeky little hill to climb at mile 11-12.

Plenty of drink stations along the route, as well as wet sponges, helped runners to keep cool in the very warm conditions.

Shane Hudd, making his debut in the race finished in 1 hour 53 minutes.

Once again Tony Peek's Achilles heel played up from mile six which made the uphill running very painful. He also stopped at mile 11 to give first aid to a fellow runner so Tony did well to finish in 1:58.

With Klara Bodfish using this run as a training run for the London Marathon in a couple of weeks, she was looking to come in under 2:20 and achieved this finishing in 2:18.

Stephen Boyes travelled to tackle a full marathon taking a plane to Paris.

Stephen had a great run reporting it was the best marathon he had run in a long time. He recorded his heart rate throughout and managed to stick within his set limits. He was given a chip time of 3:38.

CHARD ROAD RUNNERS

with Paul Masters

SIX CRR's hit Foreign shores for the 2015 Marathon de Paris on Sunday, getting to Paris was the first challenge with the French Air Strike causing a few issues!

Heading the Pack in hot sunny conditions was Addie Douglass who pipped running buddy Andy Mear to the line.

Marie Wadey followed over the packed line minutes later, cutting a dash for the line.

Anna Drew and Paul Fraser hit the time on the nail with not even a second between them great team work and Photos aplenty, following over the line was Chris Wadey rounding off his week with the

26.2 miles adding to the 50 miles from last weekend a total of 76.2 racing miles!

Eleven CRR's took a less challenging journey to the local Taunton Half and Full Marathon.

The changing conditions meant overheating and changeable winds kept runners thinking.

Making their mark after last weekend's pre-London training was Neil Plumridge and Stevie Potter with Neil Securing 1st in age group and Stevie a PB for the half distance.

Helen Baxter was next across the line having had a fantastic run, Matt Baker arrived at the line to round off a brilliant week of PB's in a 5k, 10k then today's Half Marathon.

Following in Matt's footsteps was Anna Smith who found the going to be good until picking up an injury which she fought to the end.

Emma Male made a return to CRR's with a sterling performance. Kirsti Ball was only a few minutes off Emma's pace and also demonstrated some excellent running. Keeping up her excellent year Chris Chant pushed to the end to provide great encouragement for others with her commitment to the line.



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Blues still alive and kicking in bid to beat drop

Chard continue impressive march to finishing line - Combe made to wait

A FIRST clean sheet in six months gave ILMINSTER TOWN the platform to reignite their hopes of beating the drop from the Errea Somerset Premier League.

The Blues went into Saturday's relegation six-pointer with rivals Stockwood Green on the back of a six game winless run, but goals from Taylor Jefferson and Rich Hebditch means Ilminster, with five games remaining, can still reach the elusive 15th place which would ensure their safety.

Bottom of the table	Pld	GD	Pts
Minehead	32	-27	31
Stockwood Green	31	-16	29
Nailsea Town	29	-12	28
ILMINSTER TOWN	29	-36	27
Broad Plain House	29	-16	22

◆ The crucial final five matches;
 Saturday, April 18th - Yatton Athletic (A)
 Saturday, April 25th - Wrington Redhill (H)
 Saturday, May 2nd - Shirehampton (H)

Monday, May 4th - Clutton (H)
 Saturday, May 9th - Broad Plain House (A).

Meanwhile, with promotion from Division Two (west) in the bag, COMBE ST NICHOLAS had no game and in fact are inactive until April 25th when they will hope to clinch the title.

Up in the Toolstation Western League Division One CHARD TOWN continued their magnificent last season form by taking their recent points haul to 19 from a possible 21 with a 3-1 win over Westbury United who slipped to the bottom of the table as a result.

Oscar Latas' first goal since September gave Chard the lead on the half-hour but the visitors leveled with a bizarre goal when a free-kick on the half-way line caught on the wind and flew into the top corner deceiving keeper Scott Wells-Burr.

Sam Clark restored the lead from the penalty spot for his 20th goal of the season midway through the second-half after strike partner Ed Butcher had been felled in the box.

Butcher also had a hand in the win-clinching

By Howard Larcombe
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third goal with a fine through ball for Jamie Barfoot who did the rest as Chard moved back up to ninth spot.

Down in the Devon & Exeter League a patched-up CHARD TOWN RESERVES went down 4-2 at Newtown and slipped to 11th in the Premier Division table.

The hosts took the lead on the quarter-hour but James Boyalnd leveled with a fine lob midway through the first-half.

But Newtown regained the lead when Chard keeper Dale Wood's attempted clearance rebounded into the net off team mate Kieran Bailey.

The hosts extended their lead to 3-1 before Boyalnd struck again just before the interval.

The killer fourth came just after the hour and Chard were then made to pay for missing three good second-half chances.

Meanwhile ILMINSTER TOWN RESERVES' first foray into the D & E looks likely to end in relegation after a 3-1 defeat at Exeter-based Priory.

The Blues trailed 2-0 at the break but an improved second-half showing saw Kieran Rendell halve the arrears with a what manager Ken Timson described as a 'miss-hit cross'.

But they were caught chasing an equaliser and conceded again near the end.

THE WEEK AHEAD:
Tomorrow (Wednesday)
 Wellington v Chard Town (TS1)
 Ilminster Res v Honiton Town Res (D&E 5)

Saturday
 Wells City v Chard Town (TS1)
 Chard Town Res v Sidbury Utd (D&E Prem)
 Yatton Ath v Ilminster Town (Som Prem)
 Ilminster Town Res v Sampford Peverell (D&E 5)

Monday (April 20th)
 Chard Town Res v Seaton Town

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